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A FEW EACTS CONCERNING THE MUCH DISCUSSED ISLANDS.

WHERE WOULD THE NEGRO STAND

Should the United States Secure Control? is the Question that is Agitating the Minds of the Natives—Caste Prejudice Not Desirable.

EDITOR FREEMAN:—I've been anxiously awaiting an expression from the thoughtful writers on living issues, as touching the annexation of the Danish West Indian Islands, bearing upon the Negro element which composes nearly the bulk of population in St. Thomas, St. Croix and St. John. Especially have I expected to hear from the West India Islanders themselves, of whom there are not a few in this country. Failing to be thus gratified, my pen is dipped and the following is jotted, being based from and upon personal knowledge, intimate acquaintance and correspondence.

The American people are doing a great deal of guessing on this annexation question and are anxiously awaiting developments of the Copenhagen-Washington negotiations. They appear to be extremely reticent and *refuse* to express an opinion to foreigners, particularly to those who they think are of West Indian birth, or who should by chance happen to be a newspaper correspondent. It has, however, been ascertained that the merchants would be satisfied with the change, provided St. Thomas remains a free port, as it is at present, and no lines of distinction are to be drawn on account of color.

The ratification of the treaty, approved by the Senate of the United States, in reference to the transfer, has advanced through its first stage. The Lansthing, or upper house of Denmark's national legislative body has approved it by the small majority of 4 in a total of 64 votes.

THE ST. TOMIANS.

The better informed islanders, which makes up about seven-tenths of the population, are Negroes; and these are better informed than any other man of color, and they are watching the movements in Porto Rico and Cuba; and in fact, all legislation in the United States—state and national—as effecting the Negro in life, property, rights and general pursuits of happiness.

HER EXPORTS, ETC.

Excepting bay rum and bay oil, the exports are practically nothing. At St. John about 1,000 persons obtain their livelihood from burning charcoal. The chief resource of the island is in the trading interests and shipping business. The dry dock is owned by a British syndicate and does a good business. Several ships chandlers of Negro management, are of first class rating. At present Denmark is compelled to pay a yearly contribution of $150,000 as a supply to make up her deficit. This can not long be endured, and the merchants consider it inevitable that the islands must, at some time, and in the near future, come under American control. But with all this, they are very much displeased and divided as to the news received from the United States concerning American progress in Porto R co. The thing of tariff will never do for St. Thomas. The thing is unknown to the islanders, and such an institution is considered an impossibility, and will be considered as a menace to their rights and privileges, and will be sure to meet with resistance; for with a tariff, or in other words, a closed port, the consensus of opinion seems to be that the islands would be worse than they now are.

THE RACE QUESTION.

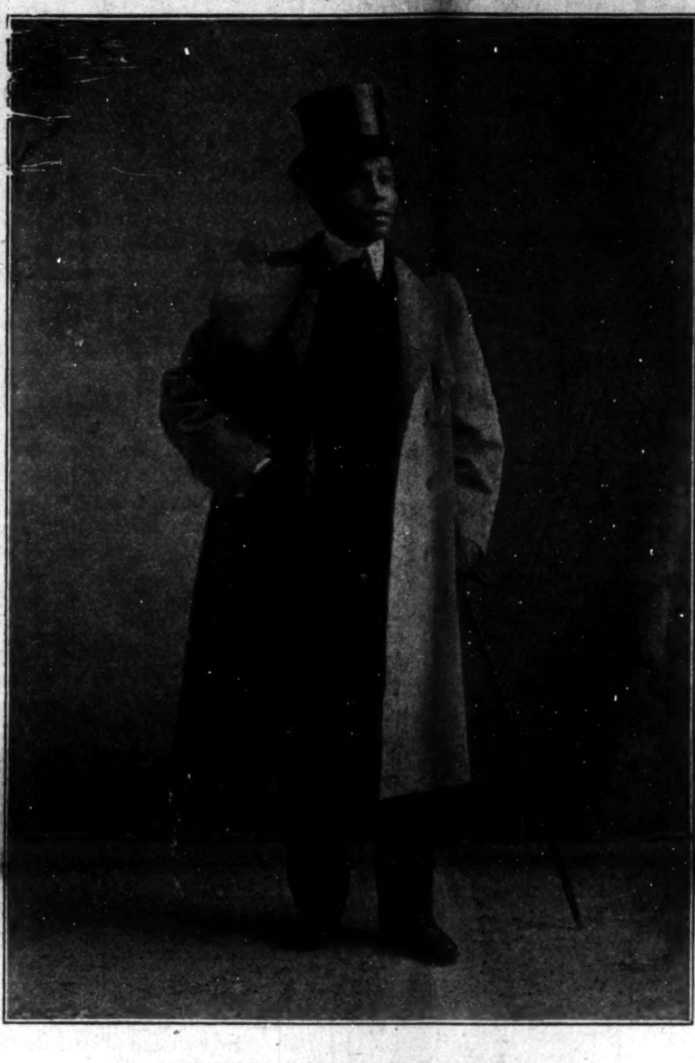
Aside from the question of free port, comes the next objection—civil, social and political rights. It is an exception to meet a white man in these islands. The average American is astonished at the intelligence of the Negro in these islands. Many of them have been graduated from French, English and German universities, and all, as a rule—I mean the West Indians—are educated. It is not a rare thing to find a St. Thomian who speaks with apparent and equal fluency, the English, French, German and Danish languages. Prof. Blyden, now in Africa, we give as an example—a St. Thomian—educated at Oxford, Cambridge, and others I might name.

"If we come under the American flag, how will we be looked upon by the American people, especially those of the South?" asked Mr. ——, a prominent merchant, and a Negro, on the Island of St. Thomas, in a recent communication received from him. "Please tell me the truth and the whole of it, for we are anxious to know just what our status would be. We are sending our children to Europe to be educated, where they are received and treated with the respect due them. Though we are Negroes, we have the refinement and education, just the same as a white man, and we feel to be his equal. We can go to England or on the continent without embarrassment or discrimination. Can you mention a hotel in New York, St. Louis, Washington City, or any other of your aristocratic and swell cities where we would dare register? Again, if we were to come under American rule, our trade must be with America. Now, could we go to the United States to make purchases without being humiliated? Say, answer me."

We know not what this country will do. But should the United States acquire these islands, judging from the foregoing as quoted from the letter received, she will have a more difficult problem to solve in the race question than she has ever before had.

As a rule, the residents expect annexation, and are preparing to meet and battle with the inevitable; but they are determined to know, and that at once, the outcome of the negotiations which have been under way for nearly three yearr. It is generally believed that, should the United States acquire St. Thomas and the two other islands, the governor of Porto Rico will be placed in charge with power to appoint subordinates. The officers of the government are usually Danish subjects, irrespective of race or color. On this account they do not expect to succeed the retiring Danes, nor be subjected to American caste prejudice. The end is not yet. "The second woe is past, and behold, the third woe cometh quickly." More anon.

Yours truly,
C. O. H. THOMAS.



CLARENCE POWELL.

On Monday March, 24, the Richards and Pringle's Georgias played to fair business in Anderson, Ind. It was my pleasure for the first time to see the company collectively. My impression of them as gentlemen and companionable good fellows could not possibly be augmented. Mr. Clarence Powell, of whom I started out to speak particularly is a yomng man of much promise in the show business. He has an originality distinctly his own and there is a vein of genuine mirth in all he does. His work as one of the principals on the end cannot be spoken of too commendably. His merits as a comedian and his general ability to please was very forcibly emphasized by the generous applause he won by his wit and innuendoes. Mr. Powell started in the show business in 1886 as call and property boy with Charles Yate's Devil's Auction Co., his next engagement was with Sam T. Jack's Creole Company with whom he remained the seasons of 1894 and '95. He was then engaged by W. S. Cleveland as principal comedian on the end in the Negro contingency of the big show which toured the country in 1886. During this engagement Mr. Powell won many laurels and swell press notices as a stump speaker. In the after-piece with the combination, Clarence "made good" in a well done old "mammy character" which left them in convulsions every night.

The following season found this remarkable young performer with the Hyer's comedy company playing "Henry" in "Out of Bondage," the character that made Sam Lucas famous. The next season Powley found himself lined up with the Al G. Field's forces, in which he made good doing principal end. The next engagement was with the Scott show, with whom he remained for three successive years. After the insolvency of this company the enterprising genius began playing dates on the Gorman New England circuit. He kept up engagements with these people during the summer seasons of '98, '99 and 1900. These were park engagements. Perhaps the best work Mr. Powell has ever put before the American public was "Klondike," the man who was afraid of the Indians. His best singing hit perhaps was Dunbar's great ditty, "Who dat said Chicken in des Crowd." He is now scoring a big success with the Georgias singing "I Never Trouble Trouble until Trouble Troubles Me," by Paul Dressler. Powell has evidently prepared himself for the proverbial rainy day. His beautiful home at Orange, N. J., is ample proof that his numerous successes have not drifted him down the "booze route," his gallant efforts during my six hours' stay with him in Anderson to show me how much of a tiger he was, notwithstanding. Thanks to my durability and capacity, Wood and I managed to stay on the firing line.

J. D. HOWARD.

The Gay Society Whirl.

Paducah, Ky., Special.—The Owl and Fast Mail clubs, of Cairo, Ill., gave a swell entertainment at Odd Fellows' hall on the 29th ult. A large crowd paid their kindest respects to their Cairo friends. Prof. Ed. Overby certainly deserves credit for the excellent management of the hall at night. We certainly hope the clubs and their friends will pay Paducah another visit. Elmo Willis, Frank Jones, Jr., and Alonzo Ashford made a brief trip to Union City, Tenn., 30th ult. Prof. Ed. Overby, of Cairo, was given a royal reception here on the 29th ult., by both white and colored. Knocking don't go in Paducah. Mrs. Blanche Young, of Cairo, who has been visiting relatives in the city, has returned home. Melville W. Sales has returned to the Pullman service. Mrs. Hattie White and little son, who have been residing in Cairo, have returned to the city. Mr. Willington, an aged gentlemen, came near meeting with a fatal accident last week, by being knocked off the railroad track by a switch engine. When picked up he was found to have only two ribs broken. Mrs. Mattie Montgomery entertained Mrs. B. Watts, of Cairo, at her home on W. Tennessee street, recently. Those on the sick list are: Miss Florence Dickinson, of Plunkett street; Miss Katie Morris, of Tennessee street; Mrs. Elliott, S. Fifth street; Mrs. Fannie Cherry, Clark street; Rev. Phillips, Broad street. Master Robert Turley met with a serious accident last week by severing his large toe from his right foot. The U. B. F.'s and S. M. T.'s are to have their annual sermon at Burk's Chapel the third Sunday in May. The Rev. Deboe has succeeded in establishing a church and Sunday school at Roekford, a village three miles from the city. Curtis Morris is sick at his home on Tennessee street. Miss Minnie Brooks was on the sick list last week. Ed. Robinson was in Cairo last week. The Golden Leaf club met at the home of Mrs. Henry Eaquart, on Washington street, Friday afternoon. Refreshments were served in abundance. Remember the Hatch restaurant and ice cream parlors on Eighth and Washington streets. Hot and cold lunches served at all hours. Pleasant Wiley deals in staple and fancy groceries, near Tenth and Husband streets, desires your patronage. Buckskin Bill's Wild West show opened here on the 26th ult. They should be congratulated on their selection of colored musicians and performers for the side show attractions. Prof. Samuel E. Reid has the contract for the season and has secured the following able musicians: Joseph Gibbs and Benjamin Scales, cornets; Joe Newbern and Nolan Samuels, altos; George Reid, slide baritone trombone; L. E. Wilkes, tuba; W. J. Reid, traps; John Parkman, bass drum. Mrs. Mary L. Reid and Miss Bessie King are champion cake walkers and give excellent concerts daily at the 2 o'clock performances. John Givens of Cairo, Ill., paid his son, Gus Givens, a visit April 28. Miss Minnie Collins of Harris street is very sick this week.

Ironton Jottings.

Ironton, Mo., Special.—The reception given by the young men's social club on the 28 ult., at the residence of Mr. H. Boyd in honor of Misses Hinkston and Lankford of Potosi, was one of the most delightfull affairs given in social circles during this season. Music was furnished by the Mandolin club which is well known at all social gatherings. Samuel Boyd of St. Louis, is visiting relatives here. The annual address to Pythagorao lodge No. 30, K. of P., was delivered by Dr. C Combs of Poplar Bluff on the 27 ult., at the M.E. church. A large number of Knights were present and also Calanthians this day will long be remembe.ed by all. The public school closed on the 25, a concert was given by the pupils and teacher which was largely attended. Prof. J. C. Staten returned to his home in Farmington on the 30, accompanied by his family.

Of Special Notice.

Columbus, Ga., Special.—Austin Tarver, a young man 23 years of age died at the home of his mother on Sixth street, Monday, April 28, after many months of illness. He leaves many relatives and friends to mourn his death. His remains were taken to Girard, Ala., for burial. The Y. M. P. H. Club had a swell entertainment at Masonic Hall, Friday night. All present had a good time. Rev. J. J. Powell preached at St. Mark's A. M. E. Church Friday night to a large congregation. Much good is being done. Severa new converts have been added to the roll since the revival. Miss Melinee McGhee returned home Thursday from her school. Samuel Dra e of Ft. Valley, Ga., spent Sunday in the city with his brother, Will Drake Mrs Juno Stewart who has been visiting her brother, Roderick Lewis, returned to her home in Washington, D.C. Miss Amanda White continues ill at her home on Third avenue. The O. B. W. Club will meet at the home of Miss M. L. Toler Friday night

Current News Condensed.

Shelbyville, Ind., Special.—Mrs. A. Grimes left for French Lick Springs to make that her future home. Miss Henrietta Carr is visiting relatives in Franklin, Ind. Clarence Hodge was in Indianapolis last week. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Marshall are here visiting friends and relatives of Union City. Mr. and Mrs. John Barker of Indianapolis, were here visiting Sunday. Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Vaughn of Greensburg, Ky., are in our city. Misses Luemma Kirk and Anna Hughes are on the sick list. Miss Fannie Hill entertained seven couples to a walking party last Monday evening, a delightful time was enjoyed and delicious refreshments were served. William Hines of Cincinnati, was in our city Monday visiting relatives. The Odd Fellows turn out to-morrow. Miss Lena Johnson is in our city. Miss Henrietta Dudley, died last Monday with cancer, funeral services were held at the A. M. E. Church, the interments in in city cemetery. Prof. T. Q. Brown of Indianapolis is instructing the Marine band.

Short, Spicy Snapshots.

Kansas City, Mo., Special.—Hon. F. L. McGee, of St. Paul, Minn., addressed the citizens of this city on the Louisiana disfranchisement law, at Allen Chapel, on the 29th ult. He delivered an excellent address to a large and appreciative audience, and a collection of $50 was taken for the cause. Don Carlos Mosby, one of Kansas City's most eminent young colored musicians, died on the 28th ult. The funeral at Allen Chapel was one of the largest ever held in the city. Hattie Robertson, of 628 Cottage Lane, died on the 1st inst. Every good citizen is requested to be at Holt church, Armourdale, next Monday night, at the meeting of the Afro-American Protective League. Miss Maggie Lewis, of Independence, Mo., is the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Lula Carter, 718 Holmes street. Rev. E. Mackeroy, a Missionary preacher of Wyandotte, preached a powerful sermon at Sixth and Walnut streets on the 4th inst. Rev. Mackeroy is also an excellent plumber and works at his trade.

Items from Toledo.

Toledo, Ohio, Special.—Lee's glee club is on the increase. Manager Chas. Lee has formed a glee club of the following well-known musicians: Eddie Davis, Hank Barclay, Clint Ford and Chas. Davis, mandolins; J. B. Bosley, Thomas Rogers, H. Maples and Will H. Tam, guitars; J. E. Kelly, Chas. O. Johnson and Walter Saunders, cellos; Chas. Lee, piano soloist and manager. The boys hail from all over the country. Mrs. Hurd is visiting in Sandusky and Mansfield. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Ulcown have a sweet little son. William Jackson has opened a club on Erie street. Everything is artistic and up-to-date. Geo. Waters has gone to Chicago to reside. Chancellor P. Smith of Ft. Wayne, Ind., spent Sunday with his sister, Miss Lida Smith.

Pickings in Passing.

New Iberia, La, Special.—The Pellets base team played its first game in Lafayette, La., defeating the next best team in that section of the country by a score of 20 to 10. They are open to play all comers. The death of Mrs. Martha Fulks on Saturday, April 27, was regreted by her many friends of this city. She had a long spell of sickness.

THAT PADUCAH TRIP

WAS THE SWELLEST THAT EVER "CAME DOWN THE PIKE!"

THE KNOCKERS LOOK LIKE 30 CTS.

The Pick-a-boo Bonnet Club Gives a Grand "Blow-out" at Clancey's Hall—Double Baptizing in Early Morn—A Side Glance at Society.

Cairo, Ill., Special.—Elder Kelly and Rev. Knowles had a large crowd at the water's edge to witness the baptizing of members from both churches last Sunday. The Twelfth Street Missionary Baptist church has collected $768.17 from September 22, 1901, to April 27, 1902, and has paid into the building and loan $418. Elder Allison is pastor. The marriage of Andrew Tonsel to Miss Mazetta Griffin was a swell affair. Miss Nellie Finnie, of Shawneetown, Ill., is the guest of Mrs. Pleasant Pool, of Fifth street. George Bradley is suffering from a mashed thumb at his home on Douglass street. Mrs. T. Stephens is conducting a first class cafe at 315 Fourteenth street. Wm. Hughes was called to Paducah to see his brother, who was badly hurt at the I. C. shops. Miss Aphila Edgar, of Madisonville, Ky., will be the guest of Mrs. Alice Green, 1902 Poplar street, next week. Mr. and and Mrs. J. R. Bester, of Mexico, are in the city, and have located at 506 Twelfth street. Miss Mollie Rice, of 506 Seventeenth street, is on the sick list. Mrs. Mitchell, of 528 Fourteenth street, was all smiles on the 1st inst., when her husband paid her a visit. He departed on the 3d for Cape Jerico, where he is employed as head cook in a hotel. The old colored soldiers will hold their reunion and decoration on the 30th inst., at New Grand Chain, and the public is cordially invited. Mrs. M. Forlord, of 218 Third street, was called to Fulton, Ky., on account of the death of her sister, Mrs. Lula Turnip. Miss Lizzie Harris is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Katie Roberts, 1410 Walnut street. James Jones was married to Miss Rachel Turner at the home of the bride, 1202 Cedar street. Many presents were received by the couple. The house was decorated with evergreens. Refreshments were served in abundance. Miss Carrie Jackson, of Memphis, Tenn., is stopping with Mrs. A. Taylor, 914 Poplar street. The Pick-a-boo Bonnet club gave a swell reception at Clancey's hall on the evening of the 2d inst. A neat sum is realized. The excursion went to Paducah on the 28th ult., with Ed. Overby as manager. It was the swelles affair that ever left this city. There were 39 club members and their friends were in attendance. The excursion will be repeated on the 9th of June. Ed. Overby will manage the affair. David Pitman is a new accession to Overby's band. Look out for the excursion to Columbus, Ky., soon. Hubbard & McFadden's Big Original Jubilee Singers will be here in the near future. As we can not get ready for the musical on the 10th inst., let everybody be present at Fifteenth and Walnut street on the 17th. It will be a treat to all who attend. Refreshments of all kinds will be served. The program will begin at 7:30 p. m. If "knocking" would kill a man Fisher Patterson and Ed. Overby certainly would have been dead, for the "knockers" have certainly given them a good time for the past two weeks. The Owl Club had a swell time in Paducah on the 28th and 29th ult., and are going back on the 9th of June. Don't be misled this time and stay at home. Don't forget Charles Smith's grocery at Fourteenth and Walnut streets. The hair parlor of Mrs. H. L. Bradley, 234 Eighth street, is doing a good business. Call on R. Taylor at 409 Commerce avenue; free lunch every Saturday night. The cafe and ice cream parlor of S. E. Creen deserves your trade. In passing drop in at George Carr's cafe and barber shop, Fourteenth and Poplar streets. Rev. Smith, of Memphis, Tenn., is in the city. He is an able young man and is the pastor of the Poplar Street church.

FUTRELL CITY NOTES.

Miss Mamie Carr is at Hubbard & Phelps' tailor department. Don't forget G. W. Mathews' family grocery. Mrs. W. M. Futrell is preparing to open an ice cream parlor at the stand formerly occupied by R. P. Futrell.

BEECHWOOD NOTES.

Rev. Paris is still carrying on a revival at his church. Rev. Sims preached an able

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FARM AND HOME

Two Crops on the Same Ground.

This can be done easily by planting your ground in early potatoes, having the rows about four feet apart. Keep them free from weeds and after the last cultivation drill in navy beans or California cream beans between the rows. Cultivate the beans by running on each side of the rows with a hand plow, which will also help to keep the potatoes clean, making them easy to dig. If you wish to market the potatoes early they will have to be dug by hand. If not the beans can be pulled when ripe and moved over out of the way of the team when using the potatoe diggers. Or you may adopt this plan. As soon as the ground is dry enough to plow and you get it thoroughly pulverized and a good dressing of well-rotted stable manure worked in lay it off with a hand cultivator in rows about eighteen inches apart and plant the piece in potato onions, placing the sets about ten inches apart, pressing them into the ground so that they will not turn over in covering. Cultivate with a hand plow, being very careful not to ridge the onions. as they do far better by level cultivation. At the last cultivation plant two or three watermelon seeds in small hills made about twelve feet apart each way between the onions. When the onion tops are beginning to die at the bottom pull them and remove the crop to some out building and spread them out in the shade, letting them remain there until danger of freezing in the fall. When your melons are gone you can sow the ground to turnips, thus raising three crops instead of two on the same ground. Correspondence Indiana Farmer.

Varieties of Corn.

The flint or Indurata of corn are sold under many names and are usually not very pure. However, all of the hard corns are grown to the northward that is, northward of the line where the other varieties thrive. The other field variety is indentata or dent corn. This belongs southward of the other variety, is much softer in texture, usually has from twelve to twenty rows instead of eight to twelve, ears rather short but large in diameter. There is little, if any difference in the feeding value of the two varieties. However, the flint corns are not suited to feed on the ear or shelled to cattle or horses, while the dent varieties are relished quite well because of the softer nature of the kernels. Seed grown at the North ripen earlier when moved southward, if not too far south, than do the same varieties when grown in the locality to which the Northern seeds have been brought. It is no uncommon thing to purchase garden seed peas in Canada for planting in southern New York and northern Pennsylvania, the object being to advance the period of fruiting, which it does by about one week. In other words, seed grown continually in a locality with a short summer soon acquire the habit of ripening early. When moved into a locality where the season is longer they, for a time, preserve their inherited qualities characteristics.—Country Gentleman.

Farm Notes

Transplant tomato vines and thus give them an opportunity to harden. Should the nights be cold delay the transplanting a week later. The condition of the weather must be considered but get them out as early as possible.

Cherry trees differ from others in that they do not seem to require cultivation. Those which stand in dry places and are surrounded by grass seem to do better than those in the field or garden. In the garden they seem to either get too much moisture or too much manure.

Beets and carrots should go into the ground as early as possible in order to get the young plants well under growth before the main crop of weeds appear. The seeds of beets and carrots are slow in germinating and the soil should be carefully prepared so to afford as much warmth as possible,

Crimson clover should be plowed under while in blossom so as to secure as much growth before utilizing it as the crop will make. It may be turned under in time for corn, and will add nitrogen to the soil. Wood ashes used at the same time will also give good results as well as assist in neutralizing any activity in the soil.

A few melon vines can be made to do good service if the soil is light and sandy. Dig out a place three feet square and two feet deep for each plant and fill one-half full of well-decomposed horse manure, using rich earth on top. Plant the seeds as soon as May comes in and when the plants are up apply a tablespoonful of nitrate of soda (saltpetre) around each plant.

By plowing the soil and working it fine more water will be retained for use when the season is dry. To retain as much moisture as possible keep the soil loose between the rows. This can be done by cultivating about one or to inches deep after each rain. The loose soil prevents loss by evaporation and also destroys growing weeds, which will take up a large share of moisture if allowed to occupy the soil.

It is best not to disturb strawberry vines in the spring but if the rows contain weeds they may be pulled out by hand, while a wheel hoe which should not cut but an inch below the surface should clean out the weeds and grass between the rows that come early. It will greatly assist in picking the crop and conserving the moisture if salt hay is used between the rows, the weeds also being prevented from growing by such methods.

Current News Condensed.

Kenton, O., Special.—We had the largest fire that has ever occurred in Kenton, last Tuesday about noon, it being the Champion Iron Works. The whole plant went up in flames and it was a very sad blow for Kenton, causing about 350 to be thrown out of employment. Mr. and Mrs. Chester Evans are the proud parents of a bouncing boy. Mother and child are doing well. Mr. John Childers has returned from Youngstown, O., where he was on business. Mrs. L. Daniels, of Barron street who has been so ill is now getting along very nicely and hopes to be out again soon. Everybody look out for the Freeman next week and be ready for Walter.

THE WAITER....

[BY W. FORREST COZART.]

We reproduce the contract of the Victory Hotel Company of Put-in-Bay, Ohio, in this issue, and wish to call the attention of every colored waiter to same. The contract is an iron clad one, drawn up for the said hotel, which employs all white help; one hundred girls are employed in the dining room. Colored waiters are continually kicking about strict rules, but we do not know of any who have the rules referred to enforced upon them. In fact colored waiters are intelligent enough to know that such rules would not stand before the law of Ohio. It is only the ignorant white waiters and poor defenseless girls who have not the intelligence or nerve to demand their rights who submit to such rules. Now will the average colored waiter quit "kicking" about getting the worst of it?

From the Philippines.

We sailed from the United States about the 15th day of September, 1899, on board the transport Sheridan, one of the United States largest and finest transports. There were about 2,000 persons on board including ship crew, soldiers and civilians. Among this great crowd, I am proud to say, the Negro was represented, but few in number—seven in all. After seven days' sail on the beautiful Pacific, the king of all waters, we came to the beautiful city of Honolulu, the paradise of the Pacific, and to my knowledge, as far as my travels extended, it is the paradise of the world. It is the capital and largest city of the Hawaiian Islands. The total area of the entire group is about 6,740 square miles.

	Sq. Miles.
Hawaiian Island is about	4,210
Mani	760
Oahu	600
Kanai	590
Molokai	270
Lanai	150
Mihau	97
Kahoolau	63

The population of Honolulu is in the neighborhood of 30,000. The city is lighted by electricity, and has characteristics of an American city. There are 71 miles of railroad and 250 miles of telegraph. Schools are numerous, and nearly all of the natives are christians. There is no one certain religion. The principal products are sugar, coffee, rice and tropical fruits. The island was discovered by Captain Cook in 1778. King Kamehameha III was at that time ruler. Nineteen days sail on the blue deep we discovered land again, which appeared to us as clouds in a distance, but after daybreak on the twenty-seventh day from San Francisco we were anchored out in the Manila bay. We then, after inspection of vessel and crew, took small launches and sailed up the Pasic river to the beautiful city of Manila. The 33d Infantry, the regiment which I accompanied, was immediately sent on the firing line near the Loma church. There they remained a few days, then were ordered to a little town on the northwest coast of Luzon called San Fabian. After about nine hours' sail from Manila we came to San Fabian. We began firing at 5:30 p. m., bombarded the town, and took it by force—this being on the 6th of November, 1899. In my next letter I shall endeavor to throw some light on the peculiar characteristics, religion and social status of the various natives. Will also tell of the hotels and waiters as I have found them here in Manila.

JAMES W. BOYD.

Annual Sermon Preached.

We are taking advantage of an opportunity which has presented itself to us. When this brother, Rev. G. R. Bryant, consented to preach us a special sermon it made my heart leap forth with joy, and when we made mention of it to our fellow companions they clapped their hands with joy, regardless of the slight surprise which hovered over their countenance, and have been longing for that time to come that we may meet together. One writer has said, "Let no advantages slip." The Negro is criticized by every race, and is placed last of all, and when one of us makes a mistake all of us feel it for the Caucasian race classes us alike. I will not attempt to discuss that for we all are aware of that fact. We should be our best friends, not the reverse, but, as is generally the case, we are the reverse. When we throw before the public everything we do, what right have we to kick at our enemies? The whites are with one another when it comes to race pride, right or wrong, why should not we? Just let a white person say anything out of the way to some of us and we will join him in running one of us to the lowest. Now in regard to hotel waiters. I am sorry to say they do not receive due respect from some of our people and, on the other hand, the white man will give him all that is due him, and will stand by them to the last. That has been proven time after time, for instance take the mourned death of Mr. E. F. Dixon; how much the white friends did do for him, and wanted to do more; they followed him to his grave. That is more than other laboring class of men can say. The waiters play a conspicuous part. All of the swellest cafes and dining halls are turned over to them by the most aristrocratic families in the country, and they run these halls satisfactorily. Their salaries are much better than the average class of laborers. Their salaries in our city range from five to seven dollars per week. Oftimes the waiter makes thrice his salary. He is very free with his money; he believes in living each day of his life, therefore does not economize much, while some waiters do. Other labors do not want to respect the hotel man, I guess, because he dresses too fine. That is from coming in contact with the white man I acknowledge that we have weak ones among us, so you will find weak men in all professions. Now, with all due respect to those who call waiters "Flunkies," I say do not do that, for that is not their name; they are known as "Waiters," and not "Flunkies." We, as hotel waiters, have a large heart if one of our fellowmen is called from us, we care for him, lay him to rest and stand by him in his illness. What more can we do? Boys, treasure this and ever keep it as a momento. There are some among us that will never again listen to the eloquence which will be delivered to us by the Rev. Bryant. Possibly you will never hear a special sermon again. Take heed of what will be said to you; and, as you have always been generous to all, continue, and let the avenues of hospitality dwell in your heart. When you are gone to your different homes carry some thought with you, and store it in your heart. Ladies, we treasure you, and will look after you and care for you until the last day. Rev. G. R. Bryant, we pray you, remember us when you are gone from us to a different field of labor; remember the hotel waiters will ever treasure your generosity.

H. A. JOHNSON.

San Antonio, Texas.

Church Fair Given.

Muncie, Ind., Special.—The Second Baptist church gave a May fair this week, beginning Monday and continuing through the week. The Eastern Star gave an entertainment at Second Baptist church on the 28th ult. Wilkes Collins and Herbert Hackley visited in the city on the 27th ult. Charles Davis and sister were guests of W. E. Robbins and family recently. Mrs. Clayborn, of Indianapolis, was in the city on the 27th ult., in the interest of the Mite Missionary of the A. M. E church. A program was rendered Sunday afternoon by the Missionary society, participated in by several of its members assisted by Mrs. Clayborn. Mrs. Will Smith died at her home on S. Hackley street, on the 26th ult., after an illness of several months. She leaves a husband and daughter to mourn her death.

A Woman Shoots Her Son.

Banks, Ala., Special.—A woman by the name of Nellie Gilbert shot her son, aged 8 years, a few days ago. She told the boy to do something, but instead of doing as commanded, crawled under the house. She called to him to come out, and when he failed to do so, she took a gun and shot him under the house. The boy is in a critical condition and is not expected to recover. The Odd Fellows will have a grand celebration on the 28th of this month. They expect to have a grand time. Those wishing The Freeman can secure the same from W. H. Berry.

Death's Doings.

Houston, Tex., Special.—Mrs. Williams, a well known church and society lady, died and was buried from Trinity church April 27. She was a member of the Knights of Tabor. Mrs. Scovall, late of New Orleans, died here recently. Her remains were taken to New Orleans for burial. Mrs. Scovall was one of the city's best pianists and had many friends among the young people. Nathan Branch and John Gordon, two young men with families, died recently. Dr. Ferrell, the well known Texas dentist, died here on the 14th ult. His family has the sympathy of all. Mr. Isles, of Galveston has made arrangements to give a series of concerts at the the Gulf City park this summer. The People's drug store has put in a new soda fountain for the summer trade. The Emancipation park board is erecting a pavilion to cost $2,000. Prof. Goins is in the city. Mr. Gilmore has gone to Shreveport, La., to take charge of a new hotel. He took a crew with him. Lee Clarks has gone to Marlin for a week's vacation. Miss Rhoda Nichols left for Beaumont for a month's stay. Our next letter will be a special write-up of the hotel men, and we hope to dispose of at least 150 copies. Persons wishing a copy will call on S. C. Gles.

Two Hearts that Beat as One.

Moberly, Mo., Special.—The Baptist church was the scene of great festivities on the 24th ult., the occasion being the marriage of Jefferson Fort and Miss Beatrice Harvey, Rev. W. F. Botts officiating. A brilliant reception followed the ceremony at the home of the groom about one hundred and seventy-five persons being present. The couple were the recipients of many presents. Aaron Toles, who has been ill for some time, is some better. George Proctor is up after a brief illness. Mrs. Fannie Chemett was in Kansas City on the 27th ult. Miss Lucy Thorpe visited friends and relatives here recently. Mrs. Nancy Porter is very sick. Miss Ujetta Diggs is home visiting her parents. Mrs. Manervia Turner is visiting Mrs. Belle Thompson. Mrs. Ruth Lang was the guest of Mrs. Nannie Collins on the 27th ult. Miss Pearl Timmons is home on her vacation after teaching a successful term. Harry Cooper is running an up-to-date barber shop Mrs. Ella Hartley is make improvements on her home.

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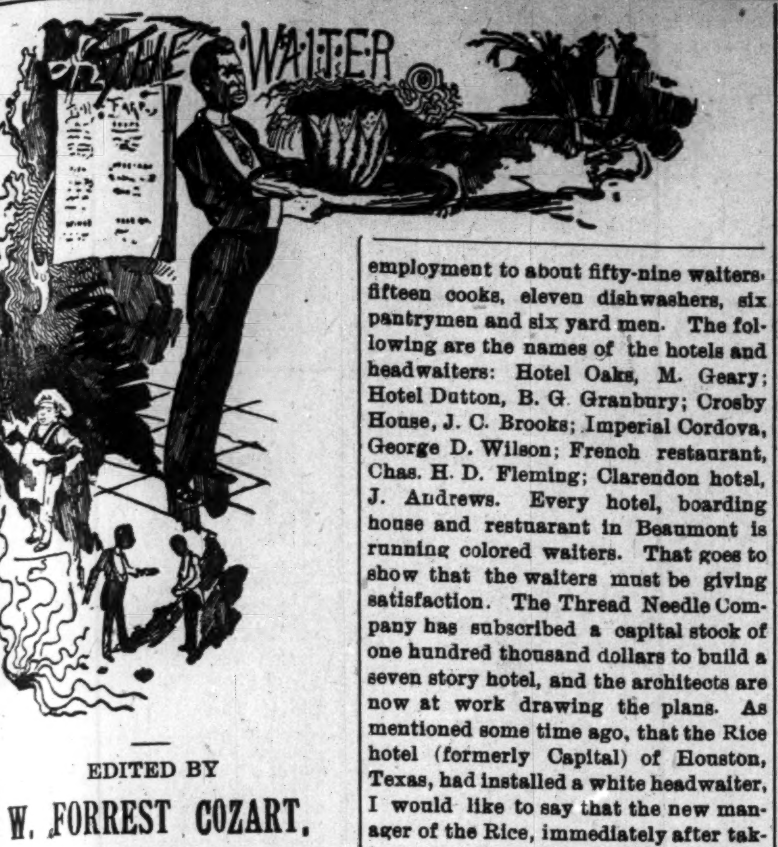

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W. FORREST COZART.

Gilbert A. Burnett, present headwaiter at the Bartram, West Phildelphia, will return to the Bryn Mawr hotel, Bryn Mawr, Pa., the coming summer to act in the same capacity. Mr. Burnett has held that position for seven years at the Bartram, and through his logical and instructive lectures has established an excellent discipline, and has done much good in the way of furthering the success of the colored waiters in giving first class service. S. E. Sidwell, present captain of watch, will succeed Mr. Burnett as headwaiter at the Bartram. Mr. Sidwell's gentlemanly deportment and proficient ability, no doubt, will enable him to fill the position with much credit and satisfaction to the management.

From Beaumont, Texas.

This little city is fast coming to the front in regard to hoteldom. In 1900 we had only two hotels, giving employment to about twenty waiters, but at this writing we have five good hotels and one first class restaurant, giving employment to about fifty-nine waiters, fifteen cooks, eleven dishwashers, six pantrymen and six yard men. The following are the names of the hotels and headwaiters: Hotel Oaks, M. Geary; Hotel Dutton, B. G. Granbury; Crosby House, J. C. Brooks; Imperial Cordova, George D. Wilson; French restaurant, Chas. H. D. Fleming; Clarendon hotel, J. Andrews. Every hotel, boarding house and restuarant in Beaumont is running colored waiters. That goes to show that the waiters must be giving satisfaction. The Thread Needle Company has subscribed a capital stock of one hundred thousand dollars to build a seven story hotel, and the architects are now at work drawing the plans. As mentioned some time ago, that the Rice hotel (formerly Capital) of Houston, Texas, had installed a white headwaiter, I would like to say that the new manager of the Rice, immediately after taking charge, engaged Jessie Andrews, colored headwaiter at the Sabine hotel, Port Authur, Texas, to take the place of the white headwaiter at the Rice, and when Mr. Andrews arrived in Houston the manager of the Rice informed the white headwaiter that his service was no longer needed. The white headwaiter promptly showed him a contract for six months, and said he was ready to go, but demanded six months' pay. How many colored headwaiters have a contract? Men, that is the only way to do business; do not take charge of a hotel dining room for the name of being headwaiter; do business in a business way. Demand of the manager or proprietor a contract, and in the event he fails to give one, then do not accept the position. Mr. L. Harrison (white) proprietor of the French restaurant, has the finest restaurant in the South, and he is one of the best restaurant men in the business. His name deserves being mentioned. Mr. Harrison pays more wages to cooks and waiters than any hotel or restaurant in the South. The writer is in a position to know he knows good service, and knows that no one can give the service as the colored waiter, as he has tried white waiters and is thoroughly convinced. Waiters, stick to your headwaiters, work to their interest, make time, go neat and clean and give good service. Do this and it will enable your headwaiter to hold both your and his job. Headwaiters, treat your waiters with respect, and they will respect you. Demand of them their full duty at all times. Do not be strict to-day and slack to-morrow. When you do this you will always have a first class crew of waiters.

C. H. D. F.

The Waiters' Department in The Freeman is now three years old, and we feel much encouraged when we see the great good it has accomplished. When the waiters' department was first introduced it was regarded as an inovation, but now it is indispensible. Other colored journals have recognized the importance, interest and benefit of such a department, and several of them have made offers to the editor to conduct a waiters' column in their journals. There are about 150,000 intelligent colored waiters in this country, and in the near future they will realize the necessity and benefits derived from a journal like The Freeman and will readily subscribe and read such a paper. In the last three years, using the columns of The Freeman as a medium, we have invaded the home of nearly 100,000 people, both white and colored, and there in domestic privacy, we have shown the waiters up in a new light and pleaded their cause as it was never pleaded before. The greatest good has been accomplished among the educated and best people of our race, who have been discriminating against the waiter on account of his profession, believing that only the scum of the race were engaged in the profession. We have clearly demonstrated to such persons that conditions have changed, that there has been a great revolution in the waiter as well as there have been in waiting and other sciences. On account of so many avenues of livelihood being closed against us as a race we find the educated young man coming from some of the best families of our race engaging in the culinary profession. The young colored student who is struggling for an education, and who is compelled to make his tuition fees during the summer for the next term, finds the dining room his only salvation. The presence of such young men in the hotels also has a tendency to elevate his less fortunate brothers, and thus the revolutionizing has been going on until the waiters of to-day are educated young men from the best of families with the best of principles and good morals. We are glad to say that from the above results the minister, doctor, lawyer, teacher and other leaders of our race are beginning to see us in a new light. But there are other reasons why the new waiters' progressiveness, abilities and usefulness are only in their infancy. The hidden misteries of culinary science and the long lost social art of our race have been discovered through the new waiter, and when fully developed will prove a boon to the race. In the past the waiter has been discriminated against by society; in the near future the waiter will be the fashion plate and the leader of the social world. Through the educated and progressive waiter the social arts which have long been a secret of the whites will be made known to colored society. The table and drawing room etiquette as practiced by the whites will be made known by the educated and progressive waiter, which will be of a great benefit to our housewives and party givers. The rich, gramatical expressions heard by the waiter as he stands behind the guests chair will also be passed down to the race by the educated and progressive waiter. The opinion of learned judges, lawyers, doctors, politicians and other professionals, as heard at the table daily, and at banquets, will be made known to the race by the educated, observing, progressive waiter, and thus we could go on and on for an indefinite period, pointing out the possibilities and the usefulness of the educated, progressive and observing waiter. But suffice it to say that just as sure as Bishop Arnett, an ex-waiter, has risen to the Bishopric, just as sure as T. Thomas Fortune, an ex-waiter, have become the king journalist, just as sure as Colonel Pledger of Georgia, Frederick McGhee of St. Paul, Minn., and others, too numerous to name, has become the leading lawyers at the bar and leaders in other professions, just as sure will the educated, observing and progressive waiter of to-day mark a new era and become the race's greatest representative.

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Name (sign here)———————

Dated—————, 1902.

P. S.—Return this contract with one dollar to me.

The above contract, which is in the form of a printed blank, accidentally fell into the hands of the editor, and we publish it for what it is worth. The postscript is in handwriting. Just who "me" is we are not prepared to say. As the hotel in question employs from 300 to 400 white employes, and if the astute "Me" is monarch over all he surveys, we can readily see how he realizes a nice sum of money even before the hotel is opened for business.

From Augusta, Ga.

Mr. Editor—I have read many different articles, in various papers, with much care, written by prominent hotel men pertaining to the "a la carte service," etc., and, in fact, I have contributed several myself. Truly, every individual has their own particular idea in every detail of the profession, and is at liberty to express them; therefore I will say that I noted Mr. J. J. Miles' article in a recent issue of The Freeman with special care, and I agree with the nature it was based upon to a certain extent, but when alluding to our worthy brother and friend, E. C. Holland, I must say that I do not believe that we have in our midst a man that possesses any more sincere, true love for his profession and fellowman than Mr. Holland, and I give him due recognition, considering him as one who long to see our conditions bettered, and one who will and is putting forth every possible effort for the betterment of the colored waiters position. Mr. Holland is also an enthusiastic worker of the H. and S. W. N. B. A., and his work is much needed and appreciated by every well thinking, efficient, zealous member of the organization. My opinion is that Mr. Miles should not have made a gentleman of Mr. Holland's position a target for the hotel fraternity, and I trust that no individual will retain in their mind evil thoughts against Mr. Holland nor Mr. Miles. Remember every individual is subject to mistakes. Mr. Holland made an error when he left a slight opening in his article which he contributed to the Hotel World. That reflected somewhat upon the capabilities of the colored waiters, and Mr. Milles followed suit by publicly criticising. We must not fight among ourselves, but get in closer touch with each other, allowing a most reciprocal relation to exist. We should be most sincere in our administrations, studying our profession to the highest attainment, and teach the same. We need more progressive and intelligent waiters, who will study their chosen profession from a scientific standpoint, in order to meet the future demands in the modern hotel. Any intelligent American-plan waiter will meet the requirements and compete with his brother in white in any European establishment in a very short time where the proper discipline is enforced.

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Headwaiter Albion Hotel.

Mrs. Henderson Palmer of Chicago, wife of the late Floyd Henderson, who was headwaiter at the Ontario hotel in that city for a number of years, and later the wife of the late Joseph Palmer, a waiter, who died about fifteen months ago, is now the wife of Mr. N. Scott. We wish Mrs. Henderson-Palmer-Scott and her third husband much success. Mr. Scott, we believe, is not a waiter.

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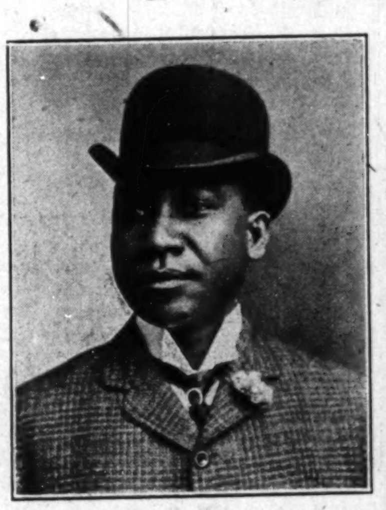
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THAT INQUIRY COMMISSION BILL.

W. T. Menard of Washington in one of his periodical letters bemoans the fate of the Crumpacker resolutions. He, however, entertains hope for the Freedmens' Inquiry Commission—Congressman Irwin's resolution. He says:

> Another important measure recently introduced in the House is the creation of a Freedmen's Inquiry Commission. It is an opportune measure and should pass both branches of Congress at an early date. The commission should be composed entirely of colored men, not professional politicians nor chameleonic charlatans, but representative men who have the interest of the race at heart and who are consistent, conscientious in their battles for the weak and oppressed. Let not this bill be side-tracked for any commercial proposition—sugar or otherwise.

It will be noted that Mr. Menard says that the commission should be made up of colored men altogether. Well, we hope no such thing will happen, even should it be possible for a commission to be thus made up. Mr. Menard is hyperbolical in his expression, it will be presumed, hoping that by aiming at the stars he will be able to insure some little moiety of the thing for his race—a political coup-de-tat. The move is too dazzling to be effective, and if he persists in his very generous demand it will appear farcial, and the whole business man die from "rapacious insincerity." It will be remembered in Hoyt's Texas Steer, where that Negro politician—a village Hampden—after rendering heroic service to de pahty of his choice, finds himself in Washington stranded—high and dry as a beached mackeral. He found great cause for his jeremiah, "Dis politics am a mighty po' business;" it was no dream.

If we are so fortunate as to have an Inquiry Commission it is to be hoped, for the good of the work in which it will be engaged, that it be made up of men from either race, otherwise that credence will not attach, which ought to stamp the work as authority and history. In that event the exparte evidence idea would be eliminated, the report being a pure fountain of information for future legislative action, also data as to racial progression to be noted by the race in the interest of racial betterment.

The Southwestern Christian Advocate does not think much of the proposition, insisting that the laws should be obeyed, etc. Its the old story; theory versus practice. The laws from all that is being understood are not being obeyed, and the best method for having them obeyed is the very cause of the commission and this article. Those lamented resolutions were for the same purpose, having the laws obeyed. But resolutions, laws or what not in the governing sense are to be tried on the people. If the people are not prepared for them, that is the majority, you had just as well hang them up until they are ready. Governments unsupported by the people are but flimsy affairs—the French Revolution—the government of Charles I are examples of an unsupported ministry. The former resolutions were not supported by the masses of this country, no matter about their justness. Justness in politics is not reached by leaps and bounds, it is always expediency, and the wronged must suffer on until the great heart of the country is converted.

Convinced against the will;
Unconvinced still.

The human heart, as the needle to the pole, inclineth towards the right. What is, is not always right, but in time, right will be what is. The Inquiry Commission is more in consonance with the feelings of the people along racial lines, not in the active sense, but passive—quiescent. The political pulse has long been felt by those who are entrusted to govern the people; they know to what rhythm this pulse beats. They would be unwise to interject methods and means of government that would create rapid pulsations or high political fever, risking the peace of the general nation. The Inquiry Commission will be proceeding along the line of the least resistance, having the same end in view as the more immediate and more dangerous resolution.

It is a very significant fact, and colored men should note it. that all violent agitation for enlarged liberty and rights have resulted in the curtailment of the rights formerly enjoyed. It goes far to prove that these things are of slow growth, like the glaciers as they slide imperceptibly and unfrettingly to the sea, unnoted except by those tell tale land marks which should afford sufficient encouragement for those who lose heart because the sun of their prosperity has not reached the height of its meridian.

The Southwesterner is theoretically right when it intimates that we need no class legislation; but we insist again that theories do not save practical situations. The amendments to the constitution, the latter ones, are to all intents and purposes the result of class legislation. The necessity for them will not be denied. Yet the fabric of our government rests on that God proposed and man disposed proposition, "all men are created free and equal." For nearly a hundred years the humiliating truth endured; no lie as it is often insisted, but for the consciences of men it would have better read "all men were," supposing the root of man to have rested in Adam. But that is no longer a momentous question further than it trains along the line of the necessity for class legislation. Unexpected conditions called for the latter amendments to the constitution as they do for some acknowledgement of present conditions, having in mind the amelioration of the same.

The Afro-American Council has seen fit to indorse Congressman Irwin's bill, having for its object the creation of an inquiry commission which will look into the condition of the colored people of the country. It has appointed the following committee on the inquiry commission:

Daniel Murray, District of Columbia.
Bishop Abraham Grant, Indiana.
Rev. Walter H. Brooks, District of Columbia.
Prof. Jesse Lawson, New Jersey.
Rev. B. J. Bolding, Pennsylvania.
Bishop Alexander Walters, New Jersey.
Bishop W. B. Derrick, New York.
E. E. Cooper, Indiana.
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Rev. W. A Conaway, New York.
F. G. Manly, District of Columbia.
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R. Henri Herbert, New Jersey.
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Rev. H. T. Johnson, Pennsylvania.
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Rev. S. E. Smith, Kentucky.
W. A. Gaines, Kentucky.
Wm. A. Kline, New Jersey.
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E. J. Scott, Alabama.
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Hon. C. J. Perry, Pennsylvania.
Rev. E. W. Moore, Pennsylvania.
Rev. R. C. Ransom, Illinois.

So they concluded to turn their noses up at the colored women at Los Angeles, did they? Why they turn their noses up at Booker T. Washington. They will know better next time and play in their own back yard.

THE COLOR LINE IN THE WOMAN'S CLUB.

At this writing it appears that the colored women, seeking admission to the Woman's Federation of Clubs at Los Angeles, Cal., have not met a very cordial reception. It is said that there has been no bitter feeling shown in the matter, but the chances are that the General Club will reject the proposition of admission. The result was not wholly unexpected, but to many the intelligence will be received with a pang of pain. Needless pain, however, for the hands of those seeking admission, and those of others, will find quite enough to do. The great race mass stands as yet unleavened by those influences at work in that very exalted body at Los Angeles. Their failure should be the signal point of their strength, glorying in the ability to do—to do whether observed of men or Gods. Thus will be taught the lesson of profound respect for the individual which will be sumarized in the race total, at which time the race will be indifferent as to its admission to these great circles, and these great circles will have not so much mental reservation when it comes to the question of admission.

If the colored women will study the question carefully from every point of view—from the side of the white club woman—the flower of a thousand yeared heritage—talents, wealth, and above all the priceless legacy of refinement that do not come in a day. The colored women of America are not to be blamed for desiring such distinguished association. But they have a field; it is white, the harvesters are few. These of to-day must sacrifice present ambition to the interest of those of to-morrow. They who sprang as the Phoenix from Plymouth Rock know their long line of descent. Deprivation, hushed hopes, sorrows and travail led up to the full day of their life's aims and endeavors. Nor was their beginning there The colored women of America will date their Plymouth Rock from that greater, yet no more significant event, and still yet the most collossal event known to civilization. Born amid the clashing of hells, they have great reason for standing for their kind with their kind in season, out of season, for no man or men or nations of men, including the great Cæsar, saw such a natal day. They will repudiate the day if for any reason the prove recreant to their trust in caring for their own, whether under the benign influences of ultra aristocracy or the more malevolent influences of a race suffering from misdirected ambitions. Theirs will be to sweeten life by contact, rescuing the downfalling by precept and example, teaching the beautiful lessons of beauty that stand in eternal opposition to the ugly side of life. As before stated, when this is well done there will be but little concern as to where the colored race shall enter on either hand.

GENERAL FITZHUGH LEE.

An audience made up of the representative people of this city listened to General Fitzhugh Lee last Monday evening in a lecture, which was considered one of the rare treats of the season. Gen. Lee is one of the few notable survivors of the civil war. To him is added the further distinction of having served through the late war with Spain. These distinctions, weighed with his literary attainments and family associations, make the general interesting as a man. The newspapers of the city glowed with praise of the man and his works. His coming, and the coming of such men, men who fought for the lost cause and who become the redoubtables, the bulwarks of the united country, is always hailed with pleasure, and, furthermore, is a sign, a pledge of fraternal peace, a pledge that the common enemy alone must suffer war's hellish brunt

The United States maintains its position at the head of the world's exporting nations, despite the temporary reduction in the value of exports due to the shortage in corn available for exportation. The export figures for the nine months ending with March, as shown by the report of the Treasury Bureau of Statistics, indicate a drop of $58,681,957 in the total value of exports. When it is considered, however, that the value of corn exported fell, owing to the shortage in the corn supply, fifty-two million dollars below that for the corresponding period of last year, and that cotton, owing solely to a decrease in price, fell twelve million dollars below the exports of the same period of last year, the entire decrease is more than accounted for. Corn exports fell from 146,000,000 bushels in the nine months of the fiscal year 1901 to 24,000,000 bushels in the nine months of 1902. Cotton exports increased 344,000,000 pounds, but owing to reduced prices, fell $12,000,000 in the total value exported. These two items—due in the case of corn to the shortage at home caused by the drouth of last year, and cotton to the reduced prices in the markets of the world—more than account for the reduction of $59,000,000 in the total exports. Notwithstanding the reduction of $59,000,000 in exports, the grand total of domestic exports from the United States exceeds that of any other country. The figures of domestic exports for the nine months ending with March are—from the United States, $1,062,432,158; United Kingdom, $1,019,466,437.

The 15th day of May has been set apart as Monument Day, the day set apart for the dedication of the State Soldiers' and Sailors' Monument, which has been completed after years of labor. The officials of the State, the citizens and soldiers are doing everything that can be done to make the occasion what it should be. The beautiful shaft situate in the heart of one of the most beautiful cities of the world is indeed worthy of the glorious celebration that will soon surround it. If it stood alone, unshrouded of the sacred memories of that awful past which it endeavors to commemorate, it would yet be worthy of the most distinguished consideration man could pay it—man's best return to the Maker for His largesse, His bountiful gifts to man.

The Campbell College commencement exercises will be held June 1 to 4. Among the distinguished persons to be present will be Rev. O. W. Chiles, D. D, Mr. Charles Bank and Rev. William Flag, Jr., B. D., of Memphis, Tenn. Bishop Evans Tyree, M. D., D. D., Rev. E. W. Lampton, D. D., Rev. W. T. Dangerfield, D. D., are members of the board. H. T. Risher, treasurer; Rev. Daniel H. Butler, D. D., president. Campbell College is in Jackson, Miss.

Hon. John P. Green of Washington, D. C., according to reports, says that he cannot see his way clear to face the Northern colored voters this year after what has happened to the Crumpacker resolution. We cannot see why. It seems that consideration for the peace of the country should be first. Governments cannot force the people to anything—not in republics—the people are sovereign. They must be converted.

General William H. Gentry has decided to entertain Booker T. Washington at his home in Lexington. It is said the Lexingtonians are "up in arms" about the matter. The general belongs to the aristocracy of Kentucky, and of course that kind of a tenet is contrary to their creed. He insists that his home is his castle, and that he will entertain the distinguished educator regardless of opinions or sentiment.

Vice-president Horacio Vasquez has overthrown the government of President Juan Jiminez of San Domingo. With fear and trembling he ought to take the presidential chair of that little volcanic republic, the rulers of which are but presidents in name. They take the government in the good old way of the dark days when might was always right.

Mayor Bookwalter, according to his ante-election promises, is looking out for the protection of the colored people visiting the parks. He has in mind a Bungaloo uprising, and he intends to nip it in the bud. Mr. Bookwalter deserves the commendation of the colored people, of all the people, for his forethought in the matter.

Rear Admiral Sampson is dead. Freed of carking cares and carping criticism, it will not matter much to him who won that naval victory. History and posterity may wrangle on, but to him it is oblivion. We can only say—a great, good man gone—God be with him.

"Fort Benjamin Harrison" is the name to be applied to the new army post in this city. It is said that the very appropriate name originated with the president.

Congressman Crumpacker, at the invitation extended him by Congressman Thompson of Alabama, will go South to see it as it is, and especially the famous "Black Belt."

May 15th has been set apart as the dedication of our great soldiers' and sailors' monument. Distinguished citizens are expected from all over the country.

Interesting News.

Los Angeles, Cal., Special.—A pleasant tallyho ride was participated in the 27th out and through the famous Baldwin ranch. The participants were Robert J. Boyd of Toledo, O., William Miller of Detroit, Mich., and the two Tolbert Brothers, Bennie and Elsey of Los Angeles. Mr. Boyd is at present in the barbering business at 242 E. Second street and is doing a rushing business. Fred D. Thomas is also connected with R. J. Boyd and would be pleased to see any of his Eastern friends call in. The funeral of Mr. Greenly was attended Sunday the 27th; he was a member of the firm of Harrol & Greenly at the A. M. E. Church Rev. J. E. Edwards officiating. Mr. Greenly, while performing an operation on the corpse of a Mexican woman, let his knife slip and cut himself from which blood poison set in. He died after a week's suffering. Revival meeting started Sunday the 27th at Wesley Chapel M. E. Church the pastor, Rev. F. L. Donahue hopes to have a great success. Miss Mattie Scott accompanied by Miss Nelson, went to F'risco last week attend the medical school commencement. The Porters' club gave a swell ragtime ball and cake walk, Friday evening the 2nd at Concordia Hall 107½ Main street; music by ragtime orchestra. Read The Freeman and keep posted on all important news. Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Anderson left Wednesday the 30th for Prescott, Arz. after a pleasant stay here through the winter.

Great Men Praised.

South Bend, Ind, Special.—The address delivered before the United States Indian Industrial School of Carlisle, Pa., by Prof. W. H. Councill of Normal, Ala., on the subject of "Land of Miracles" is one of the strongest of its kind I have ever read. If every one of the readers of The Freeman should read it carefully I think they would agree with me in every respect. If we had a few more like W. H. Councill and Booker T. Washington we would soon be able to cope with our white brothers in every respect. We need a good many just such men as named above. They are a credit to the race. Not saying that there are not a good many like them, but in thought only. They do not come out and do their work so that the world and the nation may see it. Let every Negro that has an education come out and build a name for himself, the same as those great and noted colored men have done before him, and those that have no education whatever do not turn from them, but stand by them in the hour of need. If they cannot reward you always remember that the Almighty Father in heaven will not forget your good deeds, and He will reward you for all that you have done; and may there be many that will let their light shine so the rays may not spread over a few, but over the whole universe so that there may be more such noted men as Frederick Douglass, Paul Lawrence Dunbar, Prof. Booker T. Washington and Prof. W. H. Councill.

THAT PADUCAH TRIP.

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sermon last Friday night. There have been thirteen converts up to this time, and twenty-six persons at the mourners bench. If you wish to be treated royally, call on H. Chambliss. He has everything that goes to make a first class house. G. Jackson has a cafe and short order house. Go to Hicks Jordan for cleaning and pressing. The Freeman is for sale at G. W. Ellis' cafe and barber shop.

MOUND CITY NEWS.

Charles Smiley has a modern cafe and short order house, and desires that his friends call on him. The commencement is right at hand; get ready for it. Dr. Powell is worthy of the support of the race. Call on Attorney Rice when needing legal advice. Mrs. Bishop is on the sick list. Miss Vernia Price is a competent music teacher, and is at your service. Misses Flora Howard and Mattie Fulks visited Mrs. Pakie Thompson, of Cairo, on the 4th. Rev. Hancock was in Carbondale recently.

Wedding in High Life.

Muncie, Ind., Special.—The wedding of Miss Cora Newman and Charles Fox occurred at the A. M. E. church Sunday evening, the 4th inst., at 7:30. Mr. R Fox acted as best man and Miss Hattie Coleman as bridesmaid. A reception was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Newman, 922 Macedonia avenue, on Monday evening. The relatives and friends present from a distance were: Mr. and Mrs. Grant Newman, Portsmouth, O.; Robert Newman, Toledo, O.; Mrs. Honaday, Lima, O. Mrs. Jas. Sawyers left on Tuesday for Mobile, Ala., on an extended visit to relatives. Mrs. Sawyers will be accompanied home by her mother. Mrs. Fannie Davis, of Columbus, Ind., who has been visiting relatives in the city, went to Union City Saturday to attend the Alumni reception, she being a member, and having the honor of being the only colored graduate so far from the Union City schools. The Eagle band went to New Castle last Sunday, where they furnished music for the Thanksgiving services of the Odd Fellows. The May Fair at the Second Baptist church began Monday evening and continued through the week. Wallace Johnson left Monday for Detroit, Mich., to spend the summer. S. P. Robbin, of S. Louis is in the city. Mrs. Minnie Frazier has moved to South Liberty.

Benj. Hayden Wins the Cane.

Greencastle, Ind., Special.—In the A. M. E. church rally which ended Monday night at Bethel church, $281 was reported. This is a church of only 35 members and has been in a financial strait for some years. Rev. Noah W. Williams, of Illinois, an undergraduate of Payne Theological Seminary, was sent there last July and found the church $900 in debt. He has raised $420 and paid on the church and has the promise of $250 more from the Church Extension. In the contest just ended Benjamin Hayden won the gold headed cane offered to the captain of the club raising the most money. The result follows: Benj. Hayden, $70 50; Henry Bridges, $64; Chas. H. Herring, $62; Mark McGruder, $48.50; Jerome Smith, $36.

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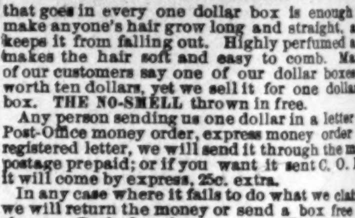
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P. G. LOWERY'S CONCERT BAND (4 Paw Sells Bros.' Circus)—Johnstown, Pa., May, 12; Altoona, 13; Lewistown, 14; York, 15; Reading 16; Pottsville 17.

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The Johnson Operatic Cake Walkers, company is carrying 20 people besides a band and orchestra.

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Hilliard Brewer is at the City Hospital in Kansas City suffering from rheumatism. He sends regards to all friends

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To J. Harry Jackson, New York City: There are two letters due from you in this city—witch, wen, weather or wat?

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The entire company of the Georgia Minstrels send regards to John Adams and family of St. Louis Mo., wishing them every success.

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The Hot Members of Coonville Comedy company are travelling in their own palace car and appearing under canvass with clever people.

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Mr. I. McCorker intended to spend last Sunday in Cincinnati, but claims to have overslept himself.—Maybe his shoes wouldn't stand the strain.

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Geo. L. Moxley, the veteran middle man and tenor ballad singer is giving home talent shows in W. Va. and making his head quarters in Martinsburg.

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Mr. John E. Jackson sends regards to John Eason, Jeff Bass, Chas. Parker, John Adams and all St. Louis friends and hopes to join them soon in a prosperous condition.

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Hello, Tom Mc—I see you are not with the N. V. S. any more. Would be glad to hear from you, old boy.—Ed. C. Price, "Hot Members of Coonville Comedy, company.

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Henry H. Petitt, acknowledged black Hermann the Great, assisted by Mattie, lady magician are spending vacation at 2716 Dearborn street, Chicago, Ill. Regards to all professional friends

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Horace Copeland and old time minstrel who is now in the O. H. E. hospital, Gallipolis, O., would like to hear from Ben Hunn, and other friends in the profession. He says he has written Mr. Hunn and others in the profession but up to date has had no word from them. Mr. Copeland is paralyzed and in destitute circumstances and needs financial assistance as well as medical or spiritual. Professionals write him and send your mites.

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Harry J. Seamon a member of the firm of Hurtig and Seamon has accompanied George H. Harris, the business manager of the Williams & Walker Co. to the coast. It is a pleasure journey this being his first trip west of Buffalo.

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Foster & Henderson were prime favorites at Peoria, Ill., this week. From there they go to Chicago to take a much needed rest before opening their park dates. Regards to the Reese Bros., B. P. Kennett, the magician and all friends. Harry Bradford, you are a lobster.

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Clarence Powell inaugurated his season in vaudeville prior to his trans-continental tour with Richards & Pringle's Famous Georgia Minstrels by opening at Howard's Anthenium, Boston, Mass. week of May 5. Regards to Mr. and Mrs. Kersands, Craig, Cooper, Harry Brown, crayon artist and all the No. 1 show.

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Notes From A. G. Allen's New Orleans Minstrel:—Everybody's well and enjoying the beautiful spring weather we are having. Just before parade in Fayette Ala., May, 3 we had the pleasure of hearing Wm. J. Bryan, lecture. Wm. Benboe joined us in Birmingham. A few more stands and we will be in the state of Mississippi.

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Mallory Bros. & Brooks, have received contracts from Europe, to open in June for the summer season, but could not accept as they had already signed contracts for 38 weeks in this country, opening July, 27 at Sans Souci Park, Chicago. They dedicate the following to "Coontown" Billy Johnson:

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An incubator we will buy,
So when we finish down in one
They can run, chicken run.

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Notes from McKanlas' Alabama Warblers:—"We are now playing Washington and Idaho to good business and our star, the Great McKanlas, is undoubtedly the most popular star today. After 14 years of absence the people of this country remember him just as though it was yesterday. He has all other colored or white performers beat in every way. This is a great country, no color line. Every one is the same. McKanlass has made it good for other colored showmen and managers. Wm. Lewis of the defunct Coontown 400 Co. joined us in Spokane. Our company remains the same, still jumping stumps to good business.

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Harry Prampin sends the following notes:—"Howe's Great London Circus opened at Centropolis, Mo., to a big business. The show numbers 350 in all. We carry three bands, two white and one colored band under the direction of Harry Prampin, assisted by his wife Laura Prampin, the greatest colored lady cornet soloist. The band is not a big one but is one that pleases. Our jubilee singers, Messrs. Chas. Washington, J. T. Hale, W. G. Bostwick, Mrs. Shelby, Laura Prampin are rendering some very sweet selections. Mr. Shelby is highly pleased with the people under his contract. Laura Prampin is playing her cornet solos under the big top as a special feature accompanied by the big white band. The roster of Harry Prampin's band is as follows: Harry Prampin, leader; Laura Prampin, solo cornet; J. T. Hale 1st. cornet; Chas. Washington, 1st. alto; Hutchins, 2d. alto; W. G. Bostwick, tuba; Rudolph Hunter and Wheeler, drums.

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Notes from the Famous Georgia Minstrels:—We are still in Wisconsin playing good business and as you have read our roster you have in that a sufficient guarantee of our giving satisfaction. The Arabs are proving a wonderful addition to our show they being much stronger than ever and doing an entirely different act. Dick Thomas the only man in the business that can open this show is hear and opening with such a spirit that the end men following have to dig for theirs but they eventually get theirs thus keeping the audience roaring all the time. James P. Jones of the Columbus, O., clarionettist has joined us and is proving a great addition to both band and orchestra. But one of the greatest features of our grand street parade is our bow-legged drum corps. They are more than attractive and Manager Culligan deserves much credit for suggesting such a novelty to head his parade. The entire company spent Sunday the 28th ult in Chicago, and met a number of old timers and friends and were given a good time, so much so that some of the boys didn't catch the show until the second night out. Prof. Henderson Smith had called together a band rehearsal for the professional people of the city of which there were quite a few. We only wish we could be entertained as we were by this splendid band every Sunday, moreover we would like to be participants in such a band. We wish them each and every one a success. Our sincere regards to Henderson Smith, Baily, Burns Hedgepath Fred Richardson and the entire push. Lloyd Cooper sends regards to Gus. A. Turner and Julius C. Lucky of St. Louis, Mo. Write. Business of importance.

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The citizens of St. Louis, Mo., saw colored actors an actresses present a serious play and the Globe-Democrat, Star, American Eagle and other papers speak in the highest terms of the presentation, which occurred Monday evening April, 21. The Star says:

"Bound by an Oath," a melodrama in four acts was presented in the Fourteenth Street Theatre, Monday evening by the Dumas Dramatic Club an organization composed of colored amateur actors. It was the initial performance of the company before the public. The playhouse was filled with colored people and quite a number of white citizens completed the audience. The presentation was well balanced and the acting was praiseworthy. The mechanical and scenic effects were of high order. The cast: Elias Amsden, bound by an oath, Mr. Oscar S. Ficklin; Jacob Johnson, a speculator, Chas. A. West; Seth Randolph, a vagabond, Marion A. Brooks; Phillip Raymond, a blind miller, Chas. A. Hunter; Edward LeRoy, in love with Mable, Julius A. K. Ficklin; Sambo, servant to Jacob, William E, Officer; Drucilla Johnson, sister to Jacob, Mrs. Richard Bouldin; Lucy Snuff-a lone widow, Miss Sadie Skinner; Mrs. Raymond, wife of Philip, Miss Ada Guiguesse; Mable Raymond, daughter of Phillip, Miss Rachel Ellison."

This company contemplates a trip to Indianapolis, Terre Haute and Evansville soon.

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Notes from P. G. Lowery's Concert Band and Vaudeville Co:—The fourth annual tour of the company with the 4 Paw & Sells Bros. Shows commenced in Philapelphia Pa., April, 21. The show is larger in every department. There has been several added to the band and vaudeville department. We find at their usual post such reliable people as Wm. May, J. J. Smith, Geo. P. Hambright, Thomas May, James Mattin, A. L. Prince, H. Rawles, Jas. Hall, Sam Elliott and Chas. B. Foster. We regret that C. D. Jackson our orchestra leader is not with us but his place is ably filled by W. C. Sweatman, violin and clarionetist. J. L. Jones, of N. Y. City is filling the position of solo alto in the band also a feature in the vaudeville department. Another strong feature in the vaudeville part this season is the Four in Hand Quartette under the personal direction of Ambrose Davis ably supported by Wm. Johnson, Arthur Wilmore and Jack Watkins. Their single specialties are all first-class Too much cannot be said of the ladies, they are good looking, good dressers, well behaved and are clever performers Everybody knows Miss Sallie Lee formerly of the Octoroon company. Miss Essie Williams is with us this season and also adds greatly to both the appearance and value of the company. Miss Gracie Hoyt from N. Y has made many friends by her earnest work. In fact everybody is stuck on our girls Our business staff is filled as follows: P. G. Lowery, manager and director of band; J. J. Smith, assistant band master; W. C. Sweatman, leader of Orchestra. Ambrose Davis stage manager; C. B. Foster, assistant; Jas. S. Morton, librarian; Sallie Lee, authorized agent for The Freeman. In the other colored departments we find a number of the old reliable people who have proved by their honesty and capabilities that they are the right men in the right place. In the dinning room we find the great Captain Archie surrounded by a body of fast workers and polite waiters. Mr. Birt Rodgers has assumed the position as head waiter and he is "it." We find a number of the old waiters with him. The names will all appear later. The porters on the different cars are certainly a bunch of fine looking young men. We have a number of new porters but we are certainly glad to see Jno. Stewart, F. Fowler, better known as "sugar." Chas. B. Payne and Allen McClarian have charge of the two cars of colored performers, musicians and dining room boys. We find them at all times courteous and willing to do anything to add to our comfort and happiness. I can safely say every department filled by colored talent and labor is meeting with success. Everybody misses Badger. The elephant king remained in Columbus this season. The Four in Hand Quartette was invited to a grand reception while we were in Philadelphia. Miss Essie Williams and Sallie Lee visited their friend Miss Etta Gross while in Baltimore. Manager Conners is well pleased with the company this season. Printus Oliver principal comedian with the vaudeville department is making a big hit singing "I Hate to Get up so Early in the Morning." Chas. Payne, the colored porter on Oliver's car has requested the stage manager to let Mr. Oliver change his song to get it off his mind in the mornings. The company was invited out in Baltimore. Arthur Wetmore being well known in that city he was at once chosen to entertain. He said "I want to sing, I Do." Sincerely thanking everybody for their kind words of praise to the band and concert company and our future prosperity, if we come your way come, see, hear and be convinced.

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J. Harry Jackson sends the following from New York City:—Jos. J. Flynn's Nashville Students have organized here for a season of fifteen weeks in parks this summer. The show will be staged by James Gorman. The following well known people have signed: Frazier and Peterson, Nettie Glenn-Robinson, the Freeman Sisters; Cleo. Desmond, Marie LaCalle, Midget Price, Francis Murphy, Florence Taylor, Lucy Wilson, Geo. Pickett, Matt Hughes, Erb. Robinson, Chas. Taylor, Murphy and Slater Nat Lucas and Walter Robinson. They will also carry a female band under the leadership of Miss Alice Gray, and will open their season at Boston, June 1. Dudley and Kelley' comedians and dancers left last Saturday for Boston where they are appearing this week at the Howard. Ernest Hogan made an enormous hit Sunday night at the Grand Opera House singing Shepard N. Edmond's two latest compositions entitled "Dat's Jest What Expotentisious Means." and "Ding Ling Ding." Hogan is now being billed as the "Great Ernest Hogan."—John C. Pittman of the musical team of Simpson & Pittman, left this city for Chicago, Friday of last week. He is missed very much around the "Front."—The Crosby's cancelled their engagement at Lynn, Mass. this week on account of Mr. Crosby joining the Weary Willie Comedy Four. Johnson & Wells, did excellently Sunday night at the Dewey theatre. Mme. Cordelia McClain, the accomplished wife of the veteran, author-comedian, Billy McClain arrived in the city from Indianapolis Ind., looking the picture of good health.—Brandow and Arlington, were at Ridgewood park, Brooklyn last Sunday night.—Joe and Sadie Britton have signed contracts to appear next season with a white reportoire company.—On April 28, at Albany N. Y., A. D. Sawyers, while acting in front of the house in the interest of Clark's Imperial Comedy, company was stricken with paralysis and taken to a hospital where he is at present in a critical condition. Mr. Sawyers will be remembered by many as one of the proprietors of the well-known, old-time minstrel organization of Hicks and Sawyer. Bob Cole was at the New York Theatre Sunday night.—The Weary Willie Comedy Four, made an enormous hit at their opening in Elizabeth, N. J., last Saturday night with the Innocent Beauty Burlesquers. Miss Margaret Scott has been booked for an extended tour of Europe.—Lord Denton and his "Clark's Imperials" are back in town. they were only out three days.

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ENDORSES BEN HUNN.

Larimore, N. D., April, 24. (Enroute.)
Mr. E. C. Knox:

Sir:—I read with much interest the article written by our brother Ben Hunn and feel quite sure he has the right idea. There is indeed much truth in what he says. I wish and pray that we all might see and understand as he does then, probably, we might be able to desist that infernal weakness of ours—sticking the knife of slander into each other. It seems to me that our unbridled tongues and jealous spirits serve as a lash to curse us as a race, not merely as performers and managers of companies. God help us to create within ourselves new hearts and right spirits. What we want is manhood in whatever calling we may be and as Bro. Hunn says, "Whatever we do let us do it well.

W. C. BUCKNER.
Manager of Dixie Concert Company.

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Minstrels, Comedians and Singers.

[Under the above headline will appear a series of articles concerning Negro celebrities of the past and present as they have been remembered by the writer. The articles will be critical as well as complimentary. We make this last remark becau e colored folks generally wish to have their vanity tickled altogether instead of a stitch taken in their conceit now and then. Other Negro celebrities are to follow.—Ed]

Whatever became of Frank Broom, he of the box coat? Frank Broom was a minstrel, an acrobat and a gentleman. He was the first man we ever saw wear a box coat and was also one of the most finished acrobats that ever turned a back flip-flop. Many years ago, after he had dissolved partnership with Billy Eldridge, he went abroad with William Foote, who took a company of Negro minstrels to Europe. The last we heard of Broom he was in Bremen, Germany, where Footes minstrels were disbanded. Whether in Heaven or Hell, Frank Broom leaves many pleasant recollections of his good acting and acrobatic feats.

McCarver, Reed and McCarver are not unlike Frank Broom in their acrobatic tricks and the McCarver Bros. especially will be recalled by those who frequent the theatre, as the original "Georgia Crackerjacks," with Oliver Scott's minstrels. The work of an acrobat is hazardous and when one has seen that of Harry Reed and the McCarver Bros. one is surprised at the smoothness with which they dispense it, and wonders why there are not a great number of acrobats sent to the hospital with broken necks.

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As with McCarver, Reed & McCarver, so also with Furber & Davis, Goggins & Davis, "Rastus," of Rastus & Banks, and Murphy & Slater: they are all top notchers.

We first saw Fred Piper with Sam T. Jack's Creoles and heard him as a baritone singer with that company of young women. Piper's best work was done as a member of John Isham's "Oriental America" in which he divided the honors of a duet with Mme. Flower. Piper was buried in Baltimore a few years ago, but as near as we can remember he was born in Cincinnati and was as good a singer as Jesse Shipp is a playwright of farce comedy.

There are two extremes of Yiddisher comedians—Dave Warfield and Joe Welch. Warfield's work is serious, as that of Weber & Fields or the Roger Bros., as Germans, while that of Welch taken from a study of life is principally a farceur's. Harry Gilliam, whom we would particularize in this paragraph, is a Yiddisher on the Welch order and considering the race to which he belongs he extracts capital comedy from the character. He is a farceur whose work should be emphasized with superlatives.

Speaking of stage folk, not a few persons have in mind George Monroe, formerly of Monroe and Rice, of "My Aunt Bridget" fame. George Monroe, who created the female role of "Aunt Bridget" is white and weighs 200 pounds. We have often wondered why Walt Dickson never styled himself the "Black George Monroe," though he weighs about 60 pounds less. Dickson used to take the central figure in "Aunt Liza's Birthday," an afterpiece originally written for McCabe and Young's minstrels. He was a pleasing, black "mammy" and won a place in histrionics that was at once commendable because of his hard and earnest endeavors.

How soon are we forgotten! Perhaps there are but an insignificantly small number of stage folk that know that Horace Copeland is paralyzed and in needy circumstances in a hospital at Gallipolis, O. Who is Horace Copeland? Well, he is an old-time minstrel who went with "Jack" Haverly's Negro minstrels to Europe. He also traveled abroad with Harry Callender's troupe and later was a prominent and useful character with Lew Johnson's Pacific Slope minstrels. Copeland was an end man and handled a tambourine with about the same sort of cleverness and precision that an orchestra is handled under the baton of Will Cook, Will Accooe or Will Day.

Williams & Walker, Bob Cole, Irving Jones, Charley Johnson, Burt Grant, Jesse Shipp, Gussie L. Davis, Bee Miner next.

I. McCORKER.

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SONGS AND SINGERS

Master Willie Howard, "The Boy Wonder," and Mr. James W. Casey the famous young composer, both of New York, gave three recitals in Buffalo recently at H. A. Meldrum Co.'s big store and scored a big success. The Buffalo Comercial comments as follows: "Yesterday afternoon's audience was delighted by the efforts of the boy soprano, Master Willie Howard who recently sang before Prince Henry, when he was in New York; among the numbers rendered: "Sing Me a Song of the South;" "You'll Know;" "The Passion Flower;" "I Can't Forget I Love You, Eloise" and "She's all My Own."

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Marguerite Fish is enjoying quite a run at the Tivoli in London; the musical number which she introduces in her act being, "My Japaneese Cherry Blossom," by John Stromberg. She is soon to tour the English provinces.

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"The Passion Flower," the newest ballad written by Norton & Casey, has caught on in great shape. Willie Howard, the "Boy Wonder" is using it nightly in his vaudeville engagements.

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Spencer Kelley, Mayme Kelso, Annie Hart, Ada Greenhalgh, Esther Wallace, Margaret Lee and Fox and Melville are singing with great success, Norton and Casey's "Sing Me a Song of the South;" "You'll Know" and their latest big hit "The Passion Flower."

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Daisy Meyer is being heralded in England and awaited: Her great Oxford success, Moon, Moon, by Nat D. Mann is being quoted and she is slated to sing, Ford & Bratton's "Be My Little Apple Dumplin, Do," and L. H. Newcomb's and Arthur Gillespie's "You Am De One."

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At a banjo recital given recently in Binghampton, New York, Vess Ossman the noted banjo virtuoso rendered Loraine's Arabian intermezzo, "Zamona" W. T. Francis, "Persiflage," and Bratton's Novelette, "In a Cozy Corner." Chas. A. Prince was the accompanist.

SPORT.

Johnny Reiff has obtained his license from the stewards of the English Jockey Club.

Abe Attel was awarded the decision over "Kid" Broad at the end of a twenty round fight in St. Louis, night of April 10.

Sunday, April 27, the Black Wonders a crack baseball team of St. Joseph Mo. defeated the Des Moines Cyclones by a score of 5 to 2 before a large crowd of spectators in Des Moines.

Austin Rice and Dave Sullivan entertained the sporting patron's of Pott's Theatre, Waterbury, Ct., on the night of April 17, both being pretty well exhausted at the finish and the result was declared a draw.

The fight between Jack Cullen and "Kid" Blackburn at the Empire Theatre Monday night is pronounced by all lovers of sport to have been the best entertainment of the kind that has ever taken place in Indianapolis. The bout was a draw. The colored lad and the white lad went at it hammer and tongs though scientifically, the colored lad showing a knowledge of the art defensive that enthused his many admirers.

Joe Walcott and Jack O'Brien, of Philadelphia, fought six rounds at the Industrial Club, Philadelphia, April 11. The local lad maintained the defensive throughout as was his policy considering that his opponent was the bigger man and decidedly the harder hitter. By so doing Jack managed to avoid much punishment as well as the possibility of being knocked out, an event that would have militated against his reputation. Had any decision been given the colored boxer would by his work have been entitled to it, on the score of points, but there was no decision given, in accordance with the rule prevailing there.

Dr. Joseph Parker, in referring to intemperance, says: "Our relation to great public questions must be clearly defined notably our relation to the great drink question. We must regard the liquor traffic as a mortal enemy of all things good and sane. Drink is the foe of the world. Drink has challenged and defied the God of Israel, let the Christian church adequately answer the blatant and impious challenge. A sober nation would have no difficulty in settling all its own social questions."

The Freeman in Hot Springs, Ark.

Copies of The Freeman can be found every Saturday at Prof. Andrew Stuart's optical store, 114 Malvern avenue; Henry F. Foster general agent, Sparrow street.

General News

ROOSEVELT CLUB ENTERTAINS.

Prof. Ed. Overby with Owl and Whist Club Entertains—Society Notes.

Paducah, Ky., Special.—The Roosevelt club, of Cairo, gave a banquet at Odd Fellows' hall the 22d ult. A nice time was enjoyed by all. Broeck Hatch has opened a first class restaurant at Eighth and Washington streets. Ice Cream, soda water and cream soda served at all hours. Perry McFadden, of Madison street, is visiting in Memphis, Tenn. Miss Carrie Stanfield seriously burned her hand on the 26th ult., but is improving. For misfit clothing of all description for ladies and gents, call on W. Grant, on Washington street. It is rumored that Richard Howell, of Maxon Mills, will shortly lead to the altar a beautiful young lady of this section. Lunch at the Cottage saloon every morning, Marshall & Winfrey proprietors. William Cherry, of the steamer "City of Clifton," was called to Savannah, Tenn., on account of the illness of his wife. The funeral of Mrs. Mary Bush took place from Washington Street church the 16th ult., Rev. Hawkins officiating. Miss N. Swinge was called to St. Louis to the bedside of her brother. Prof. Ed. Overby's orchestra, from Cairo, Ill., accompanied by the Owl and Whist clubs, gave a grand reception at Odd Fellows' hall on the 29th ult. The McKinley, Jolly Five, Hustlers and Douglass clubs cordially invited everybody and a grand time was enjoyed by all participants. The funeral of Mrs. Lizzie Haynes, of S. Fifth street, was conducted from Burk's Chapel A. M. E. church the 15th ult., Rev. S. R. Ried officiating. Jones' orchestra furnished music for the Elks' excursion on the steamer "Island Queen" the 16th ult. Willie Bingham, of S. Eighth street, died the 15th ult. Rev. G. H. Burks, P. E., has gone East for his health. J. C. Taylor has gone to his home in St. Louis. Robert Lockett continues to handle baggage in the same old way. Mrs. Minnie Howard and little son are visiting relatives in Hopkinsville. A drama, "Cricket on the Hearth," was presented to an appreciative audience on the 23d ult., under the management of Miss Sofa Cartwright.

A Prosperous Town.

Brunswick Mo., Special.—I wish to announce to the public the progress of the colored people of this town. It is a town of about 1403 inhabitants and about 400 of them are colored. They are actively engaged in their own business pursuits. Among some who are mentioned, Wm. Roulett, who conducts a barber shop is doing a good business. Thomas Madison runs a barber shop; Spencer Payne and Mrs Dolly Mann are running a large restaurant and doing a good business. Mrs. Mattie Sweatman runs a barbershop. Mrs. Barber Jackson runs an ice cream parlor. Wm. Hopkins carries a complete line of hardware goods. Quite a number of folks took advantage of the excursion to Kansas city on the 27th ult. Hubbard Evans spent the 27th ult in Dalton. Persons wishing The Freeman please call on Johnny Love, four doors north of the railroad station.

Notes.

Greenfield Tenn. Special.—Mr. Bill Ward is able to be up a little after a severe sick spell. Mrs. Heags is reported much better than she has been for three months. We trust she will improve rapidly. Mrs. Massie Edwards, who lingered sick for five months died on the 23rd ult., leaving 7 children and several grandchildren. Our services at the A. M. E. church on the 27th were grand.

News Clippings.

Springfield, Ill., Specials.—The Culture club rendered quite an excellent program last Sunday. The club will render also an elaborate program tomorrow afternoon. The young men's literary society has been recusitated to life. Mr. Thompson is doing a nice grocery business. Why not give him a call. The State convention will meet here next week at the Leland hotel. The services rendered at the St. Paul church last Sunday night was quite an intelligent affair. Call at Henderson's new grocery at 30 E. Carpenter. Give Oaklies barbershop a call. The State Capital voices our sentiment in regard to what it so well said about the Metropolitan life insurance and the Negro.

News Notes.

Birmingham, Ala., Special.—Mrs. Sallie Troy, spent a pleasant week in Montgomery, Ala., visiting friends and relatives.

B. SQUARE'S BLUSTER

After a long silence, the cause of which was beyond my control, I have, again taken "my pen in hand to write you a few lines" of "Bluster," gentle or savage reader of The Freeman. It matters not to me if you have not paid your subscription—that's the editor's funeral, not mine—I am going to send you each week, through The Freeman a "Bluster" that will at the least, be worth your reflection, if not your second or third reading. If there does not appear each week, until further notice, a "Bluster Column," it will be the fault of the editor or publisher and not the writer's.

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" 'The Crumpacker Resolution' is a measure to make the honest white man of the North equal in political power to the white man of the South. That's all."—Ex.

Yes it is the Northern "white man's burden" and he must fight it out. If he is content to let the vote of one ex-Rebel or his son or grand son count five to his one in Congress—why, it is his funeral, that's all. If the white men of the North are too busy running after the almighty dollar to attend to this "little" matter, we must pray on and put up with the outrage. There will come a change some day; a change for the best; a political change like one we have seen."

"God moves in a mysterious way,
His wonders to perform."

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A white man attempted to force his way into the home of Mrs. Ella Cobb, in Arkansas, and the black woman killed him. Would you believe it? A jury acquitted the woman. In the language of the late Bro. Jasper: The South do move forward, even if it is snail-like locomotion.

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I see, by reading a recent issue of this paper, that the ancient, honorable, venerable and distinguished sire and Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Henry M. Turner, has "slipped his trolly" and is "as mad as a March hare," because, (to use the cleanest selection I can find in the excited, but venerable leader's article) some "Negro buzzards, who do nothing but vomit their carrion upon the heads of those who take the initiative," have dared to oppose his "Emigration convention.

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I have not lived as long as my distinguished friend, Bishop Turner (in fact he is old enough for my father) neither have I been before the public as long, or done, or tried to do as much for the uplifting of my race, still I have lived long enough to know three things; First: That the American Negro like the American Eagle is very ungrateful for favors done. Second: That "the eloquence of silence" is the best reply to small fry foes. Third: if a man—a race leader, "a gentleman and a scholar," enters the prize ring to fight a 'buzzard' it is ten to one that the "gentleman and scholar" will be knocked out in the third round and leave the ring very much "buzzardized" (if I may be allowed to coin a word.)

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OPEN LETTER TO THE BISHOP.

"Be calm in arguing, for fierceness makes error a fault, and truth discourtesy." Again it is said, "Once a gentleman, always a gentleman."

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WOULDN'T IT SURPRISE YOU

If Ben Tillman suddenly reformed and became a statesman, "a gentleman and a scholar instead of what he is?

If the murderers of the late Postmaster Baker of Lake City, S. C., were to receive the justice they deserve?

If President Roosevelt should in the future appoint only black Republicans to office in the South instead of white democratic Negro lynchers?

If the "Crumpacker Resolution" should become a law?

If in the near future we had ten Negro Congressmen from the South?

If the Negroes of the country would suddenly arouse and take some united action for the betterment of conditions in all sections of this "free" country?

If a just God would always allow the injustice done to the American Negro by his white "brother" go unpunished.

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Interesting College Notes.

Normal, Ala., Special.—W. A. Hunton, field secretary of the colored Y. M. C. A., spent several days with us last week. His interesting talks to the teachers and students were highly appreciated. Judge Jones, former Governor of Alabama, accompanied by his secretary, Mr. Hay, spent several hours with us the first of last week. His eloquent address, which was so interesting and elevating, made a deep impression on all who heard it. Dr. Mayo's lecture becomes more and more interesting each time. We are all highly gratified to have him with us and to be able to listen to his teachings.

SPORT

Edited By BREAKAWAY.

Dallas (Tex.,) Santa Fe Blues.

The Santa Fe Blues base ball team has organized again for the coming season with the same players that it had last season, but has added six new crack pitchers and four more new catchers. This team lost only two games last season. Harrison Robinson, who organized the great crack team known as the Opera House Sluggers, only lost three games during the season of 1897 and two in 1898. He has for the first time since taken interest in base ball again, and taken charge of the Blues this season and claims that he will push the Blues to the front. Robinson claims that he has a few new tricks up his sleeve and will surprise all the Texas teams this years. Sea Hardin, captain; Anthony Hardin, diamond manager; Harrison Robinson, team manager.

I also wish to state that we have in the pugilistic line, Harry Robinson, one of the cleverest little bantam weight fighters that ever steped into the squared circle. He has made quite a reputation in Texas as a boxer and is fast coming to the front and bids fair to be one of our greatest the country has had for quite awhile among the little fellows. Robinson has met and defeated some of the best fighters at catch weight for the following championships: Kid Lewis, 185 pounds, 3 rounds; the light-weight champion of the Southwest, 3 rounds, 135 pounds, Robinson 118 pounds; Peter Jackson 3 rounds bantam champion of the South 130 pounds, Robinson 115 pounds; George Houston 4 rounds 125 pounds for the feather-weight championship of the South, Robinson 112 pounds.

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Harrison Robinson of Dallas, Tex., is anxious to get on a match with Smith, the Columbia club's pet of Indianapolis. Robinson can fight at 125 or 115 pounds. He has had many battles and has been victor in all, whipping some men weighing as much as 167 pounds while he has weighed in at 115. Smith's managers can address W. H. Lucas, Dallas, Tex., for further particulars.

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Atlanta, Ga., Special.—The base ball season was opened up here last week with three games, the Atlanta Deppens verses the Nashville Villians, with defeat charged up to Nashville each day. First day the game stood 1 and 4, second day 3 and 4, third day 5 and 7, all in favor of Atlanta. P. A. Thomas, the manager boasts that he has the best team in the South and feels confident of keeping the lead throughout the season. All of his men are in fine trim and never go on the field to lose.

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The Philadelphia Giants no doubt will give a good account of themselves before the close of the base bail season. Judging from the selection such remarkable good players that they must surely intend to warm things up with those whom they perchance to cross bats. They played their opening game April 23rd which was largely attended, the Camden (N. J.,) team being the opposing team. The Giants were victorious.

Players and their positions for 1902.

Sol White, captain, ss..........
Harry Smith, 1b..........
Frank Grant, 2b..........
John Hill, 3b..........
William Bell, p. and rf..........
Sam Bolen, cf..........
Andrew Payne, lf..........
Clarence Williams, c..........
Kid Carter, p..........
John Nelson, p..........
John Truffy, utility man..........

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Durham, N. C., and Kittrell College base ball teams played a great game recently and as was expected the Kittrells beats Whetted High-school by the score of 5 to 3. Haywood Townsend pitched a very good game for the first time in his life. He has a record for a good start; he pitched 9 innings and never gave a man a base on balls.

General News Items.

Brinkley, Ark., Special.—Blind Tom made his debut in our town a few nights ago. Close in his wake comes a big circus with animals of all kinds The brick front is nearing completion and helps much the city's appearance. Messrs C. H. Harrison and J. B. Crockett were the two gentlemen of color to assist with the trowell on this fine front. Cupid seems to be busy in sending his shafts into the social ring, which he keeps broken. His last conquest was in the home of J. R. Rowan whose daughter was led to the alter by Mr. Houston Tyley of Memphis, Tenn. Rev. J. D. Humphrey officiated. A reception was tendered in honor of Messrs. Black, of West Point, Ark., at the home of Mr. and Mrs. H. Linch. Prof. J. A. Hibbler master of ceremonies. The Rev. Reed, state evangelist and ex-pastor of the St. Paul A. M. E. church preached morning and evening to quite a crowded house. Messrs B. F. Wilson and Wm. Davis will supply you with the best sand. White and Campbell have the finest suits of clothes. Howell and Mahan have fine groceries. Dr. W. P. Fost is our leading physician.

Interesting Pickings.

Hannibal, Mo. Special.—Mr. George Johnson met with quite a mishap April, 21st while hauling rock on the gravel road. He drove on the bridge and when near the center the structure gave way letting the driver team and all go through. The fall was about nine feet. Fortunately the driver escaped with a few injuries. Mrs. Bell Parrish of Jacksonville, Mo., formerly of Hannibal is in the city. The grand concert which was given at the Eighth and Center st. Baptist church on Thursday evening, April 24 by Mrs. Dr. O. C. Queen, was highly appreciated by those who were there. Owing to the storm it was repeated April 29. Remember the Tom Thumb wedding, at the A. M. E. church, May 16. Mrs. George Wing left the city April 26 for California. Order the Freeman from the agent Walter W. Booker, every Saturday. Mrs. Elvira Doll is on the sick list.

Race Progression.

Orlando, Fla., Special.—Our race is still progressing. G. C. Henderson is now erecting a large brick building. He also owns a large printing office. A. F. Hopkins has a large shoe shop. A. A. Douglass owns a large upholstery establishment. F. W. Rutherford an old citizen of orlando has 20 acres of land in which he has a large truck farm. He is doing very well. W. C. Brown is running a large grocery store and is doing remarkably well.

Tersely Told Topics.

Anderson, Ind., Special.—The Webb restaurant, of this city, is one of the most pleasant resorts in town, from the fact that its culinary properties are unsurpassed. The restaurant is opened to the public night and day, and is managed by Mr. Charles Webb, who, in five months, has built up a business that is worth $500. He employs two able assistants who see that the desires of the inner man are properly appeased. J. H. Banks, who conducts the Eagle sample room, has been in business six years, during which time he has built up a business that has assumed pretentious proportions. Mr. Banks has a stock valued at $1,500, and employs three persons to look after a constantly growing concern Mr. Banks is popular in secret societies, being an honored member of the Masons and the Odd Fellows.

Spicy, Sparkling Splashes.

Des Moines, Ia., Special.—Messrs. G. F. Stanton and S. Carr celebrated their 23d and 22d birthdays, respectively, on the 28th ult., by entertaining their friends at Rice's hall on Locust street. About fifty invited guests were present. The music was furnished by the May Flowers Mandoline club, which is composed of E. Williams, L. Margin, F. Woods and B. Williams. It is the best Mandolin club in the state The light fantastic toe was tripped until a late hour, after which delightful refreshments were served. Messrs. Stanton and Carr were the recipients of many presents.

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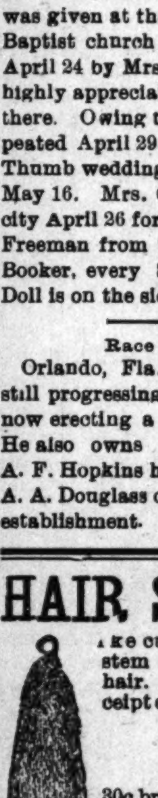

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RACE GLEANINGS.

Morris Brown College of Atlanta, was the only institution that had Negro delegates in the Southern educational convention held recently at Athens, Ga. It is said that there was considerable snubbery and prejudice by the local committee of arrangements. Every effort was quietly made to bar the Negro but the representatives of Morris Brown College would not down.

"President Roosevelt shaves every day or rather is shaved," says an attache of the White House. A young colored man named Delaney, who is a messenger at the White House, is the President's barber. He is from Alexandria, Va., and was in the Government service for some time before he was assigned to the White House to attend the President's head and face and to perform the duties of messenger. Delaney usually shaves the President between 2:30 and 3 o'clock each afternoon, after lunch is served and the President's guests at lunch go away. Sometimes the shaving is done earlier in the day.

In 1892 there were 235 lynchings in the United States and in 1893 there were more than 200. In 1898, 127; in 1899, 107; in 1900, 115; in 1901, 135; of the latter number, there were fifteen in Alabama, fourteen in Georgia, fifteen Louisiana, sixteen in Mississippi, twelve in Tennessee, eleven in Texas. The Southern states counted 121 in all, the Northern but fourteen. Negroes were the victims in 107 cases, whites in twenty-six. One victim was Chinese, one Indian.

Senator Tillman said at a public meeting in South Carolina a few days ago: "The new Constitution adopted in 1895 has eliminated for the present the Negro majority. But the number eligible to vote is constantly increasing." Here we have the admission of one of the worst Negro haters in the South that they are steadily advancing in educational qualifications for citizenship.

George W. Crawford, of Tall Edge, Ala., is the first negro to win a prize at Yale. At the annual speaking for the Frans Wayland prizes he won third place, $20 was awarded him. He took the affirmative on a debate for a anational divorce law. Crowford prepared for Yale at Tungaloo, College, Alabama. He is a mulatto, his mother being a negress and his father a white man.

Probably the only town in the country where prize fights are conducted in the city hall is the little settlement known as Brooklyn just across the river from St. Louis and slightly north of East St. Louis. In this hamlet which has not yet earned a prominent place on the map, an athletic club uses the courtroom of the city hall as headquarters and conducts pugilistc contests at regular intervals. Brooklyn is, practically, altogether a negro settlement, and only a small percentage of the few hundred inhabitants are whith in color, Negroes control the elections, hold all the offices from mayor to patrolmen and are the ruling factor generally in the town's affairs. Africans are in their element in Brooklyn, and the athletic club is an offspring of their fancy.

Prof, Booker T. Washington has recently purchased a home near Weymoth, Mass This is to be a summer residence. By every act Prof. Washington shows that he believes in practising what he preaches: "Save our money and buy homes,"

The State legislature of Ohio recently appropriated $22,000 to complete the new dormitory for the girls of Wilberforce College, Ohio. This is another evidence that there is always a helping hand awaiting those who are trying to do something in this life. Wilberforce ranks among the greatest instutions in this country.

The will of Mrs. Cornelia C. Tompkins filed last week in New York city, gives $20,000 to the Tuskegee Normal School, $10,000 to the Children's Aid Society, $5,000 to the American Seamen's Friend Society, $5,000 to the Woman's National Sabbath Alliance, $5,000 for scholarship in the Alaska presbyterian mission school and $5,000 to the Congregational Home Missionary Society.

Personal and Society News.

Dayton, O., Special,—Prof. J. S. Van Cleve, the eminent pianist and lecturer, gave a recital at Eaker Street A. M. E. church on the 24th ult., for the benefit of the Colored Federation of Music, in which Mrs. Rev. Collins has been appointed state organizer. Miss Eva Mae Irvin, of Cincinnati, was the guest of Miss Dora Burton recently. Miss Adella Wilson entertained the Amusement club on the 29th ult., in honor of Miss Irvin, of Cincinnati. Joseph Larke, formerly of Indianapolis, who has been employed in the Malleable Iron works of this city, horribly murdered his wife by cutting her throat, and then attempted suicide by cutting his own throat, but did not succeed. He was taken to the Deaconess hospital and it is thought he will recover. Mrs. Parker died instantly. Miss Edith E. Nesbitt, of Troy, was the guest of Mrs. Ethlyn Collins on the 27th ult. J. S. Holt, who has been in Hot Springs, Ark., for his health, has returned home much improved. B. Alexander, headwaiter at the Algonquin hotel, is getting his crew ready for the summer. A number of waiters have handed in their resignations and will leave shortly for the different resorts. T. Lock left a few days ago to spend the summer. Craig Boone, an old resident of this city, died on the 25th ult., after a long illness. The funeral took place on the 28th at 2 p. m. Get The Freeman at Williams Bros. barber shop, 35½ South Main street.

Short, Spicy Snapshots.

Alton, Ill., Special.—Miss Cordelia Jones' Alton's most talented lady musician, is recovering from injuries sustained at her home recently, by falling down a flight of stairs. She was able to keep her engagement at Jerseyville on the 25th ult, but had to use crutches. Miss Jones is to be complemented for the pluck displayed. Rev. S. J. Griswold was called to Elgin on the 26th ult., to attend the funeral of Peter Newsome, an officer in the church which Rev. Griswold pastored several years ago. Mrs. Nellie Crockett is slowly recovering from her recent illness. Mrs. Belle Howard is suffering with malarial rheumatism. Calvin Payne is quite ill and is not expected to recover. Mrs. Cornelia Robinson, of Litchfield, Ill., is the guest of her mother, Mrs. Mary Redmond.

Condensed Cullings.

Alexandria, Va., Special. — Murray Street M. E. church held her last services in their old building on the 20th ult., and on the 21st the old building was torn down to give place to a magnificent new brick structure worth $4,000. Rev. P. W. Clark seems to have unlimited forces and is moving to success. Dr. E. A. Williams, Supreme Dictator of the K. of H., was a visitor here recently. Other visitors "within our gates" were: Sir S. W. Green. Grand Chancellor K. of P. of Louisiana; Joshua Thomas, Grand Dictator K. of H. of Louisiana; and Sirs Frank Young, H. J. Washington and Wm. Wiggins, the Endowment of the K. of P. The fine hall of Rapides Progress Lodge No. 2526, Odd Fellows, was destroyed by fire recently. It was worth $1,200 with $1,000 insurance. Aurora Lodge No. 4103, Odd Fellows, will give a grand street parade and picnic to-day.

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W. H. Huffman spent Sunday at his home in Springfield, Ohio.

W. H. Fielding and W. R. Russell will go to Cincinnati to-morrow.

Rev. Chas. Jones from Troy, Ohio, is in the city visiting his family.

There are quite a number of soldiers returning home from the P. I.

Mr. Allen P. Wooten has returned to the city from the Philippine Islands.

Mrs. Mattie Williams left on Tuesday for Edinburg, Ind., to visit her parents.

Important news items will be received at The Freeman office. Telephone No. 2880 new.

Rev. Thomas Prentis will preach at Simpson Chapel Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mrs. George Barlett from Cincinnati was visiting friends in the city last Sunday.

Mr. Harry Fiddler went to Marion last Monday to organize a musical carnival.

Mr. Allen Scott spent Sunday in Cincinnati. His wife returned to the city with him.

Mrs. Frank R. Brown of Louisville, Ky., joined her husband in this city Thursday.

Rev. W. H. Chambers of Marion, Ind., preached at Allen Chapel last Sunday, May 4th.

Mr. Sam Porter, a popular hotel man of the Denison, is visiting friends in Louisville, Ky.

The Iron League quarters will soon be papered, painted and put in first class condition.

Messrs. Felix Ray and Geo. G. Simmons were in Greencastle Sunday, the guests of relatives.

The confirmation class of St. Phillip Mission will commune Sunday afternoon at 4 o'clock.

Mr. and Mrs. James Nicholson attended the funeral of their grandmother Mrs. Moss, of Peru.

Mr. and Mrs. Loss Moss have returned from Peru, where they attended the funeral of their mother.

Miss Tenie Robinson of Columbus, Ohio, is visiting Mrs. Ella Henderson, 1207 Sheffield avenue.

The Y. M. C. A. will meet at the Christian church, Thirteenth and Howard streets, next Sunday.

Rev. J. M. Morton will deliver an annual sermon to the G. U. O. of O. F. at Marion, Ind., May 11.

Miss Dayse Walker and Mrs. Jennie Taylor will appear in the May festival to be given at Simpson Chapel.

Hear W. D. Collins and John Evans of Wilberforce, Ohio, at the May festival, Simpson Chapel.

Rev. Dr. W. H. Chambers was in Marion last week attending the first annual banquet of the Second Baptist church.

Mrs. Ida Bass, formerly of this city, edits the "With the Colored People" of the Marion News-Tribune.

Don't fail to hear Mrs. H. G. Gibson and Mrs. Kathryn Harper at the May festival, Simpson Chapel.

Dr. Chas. Schooley of Cincinnati spent Sunday in the city, the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Al Henderson.

Don't fail to see and hear Mrs. Gertrude Guthrie and Edward Crowdus, slight-of-hand, at the May festival.

Mrs. Myrtle Brown, after having spent a few days in the city, has returned to her home, Birmingham, Ala.

The Beethoven quartet will render several selections at the May festival, May 21, at Simpson Chapel.

Messrs. F. Waller, Nat Fantnotle and Chas. Holbert passed through the city last Wednesday en route to Knightstown.

Mrs. Lavinia Sneed and Ezra Roberts will appear at the May festival to be held in Simpson Chapel May 21.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Simmons of 2121 Martindale avenue spent Sunday in Greencastle, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cain.

Rev. W. W. Locke, pastor of the Second M. E. church, Shelbyville, Ind., was in the city this week, the guest of Rev. E. L. Gilliam.

Jeff Dixon, who has been connected with the Big Four railroad for the past twenty-three years, has handed in his resignation on account of poor health.

Mr. John W. Evans will attend the General Secretaries' conference which meets at Mountain Lake, Md., June 11 15. Conference of colored secretaries takes place the 16th and 17th.

The Enterprise club met with Mr. and Mrs. England in Muskingum St., Tuesday afternoon. They will meet with Mr. and Mrs. Winlock, 306 California street, next Tuesday afternoon.

George Bell's Twentieth Century Concert Band will give a grand concert at Olivet Baptist church, corner Prospect and McKernan streets, May 14, 1902. Admission 10 cents. Don't fail to see them.

Mrs. Mary Miles, of Murfreesboro, Tenn, and daughter, were entertained at dinner on Monday by Mrs. Simms, of Muskingum street, and on Tuesday by Mrs. Kitty Minter, Eleventh and Missouri streets. Mrs. Miles leaves to-day for Tennessee.

The Carr Club Meets.

At our last meeting we decided to make the club a permanent organization, and that each member will be taxed so much every week. These two points were carried without a dissenting vote About 9:30 one of the members of the club came in and told us some very welcome news that seemed to put new life in everybody present. He had it in black and white. This news will be known later on. We intend to work like beavers for the success of the club. We have no unkind words to say about anybody, for it will take all our time to take care of the club. All were agreeably surprised when they learned how much money was in the treasury.

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Simpson and Barns M. E. Churches.

There will be baptizing at Simpson Chapel to-morrow; at sunrise in the canal at Eleventh street, and at 8 p. m. in the church. At 3 p. m. the White Rose Army will have a special sermon on "Ezekiel's version of the Dry Bones" by Rev. J. R. Prentiss. The Red Rose invites their friends to patronize their ice cream parlor and restaurant at 1210 N. Missouri street. A Woman's Circle and a Literary society have been organized by the pastor at Barnes Chapel, North Indianapolis. An interesting program will be presented at the opening on Tuesday next. Arrangements have been made for the annual picnic at Bethany Park, Tuesday, July 1st. Our sick list includes Rev. G. A. Sissle and wife, Mrs. Brown, Mrs. Lewis, Miss Courtney, Mrs. Napier and Bro. Jordan Montgomery.

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Hot Springs, Ark., Special.—Elijah Bazial and Miss Ethel Jefferson were joined in the holy bonds of wedlock on Thursday evening, the 1st inst. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. W. Jackson. The bride and groom received many useful and costly presents. The Freeman joins their many friends in wishing them happiness and prosperity in their married life. Felix Hinckle of Garden, Ark., was here last week on a visit. Mrs. Willis Thrasher, of Sparrow street, who was quite ill last week, is much improved. Prof. H. T Kealing lectured at Visitors' Chapel A. M. E. church Sunday morning and Monday night to large and appreciative audiences. Sunday morning his topic was "True Beauty;" Monday night he spoke on "The Making of a Man." The home of Prof. Black and wife was blessed last week by the arrival of a boy. Messrs. Frank Woolridge, Eugene Henderson and Will Jones lift last week for Chicago. Walter Jackson left last week for Paris, Tex., to take unto himself a helpmete. Charles Jackson and Miss Mattie Sullivan left last week for Detroit, Mick. Samuel Bledsoe, who had charge of the dining room of the Park Hotel, which closed last week, has gone to Detroit, Mich., with his crew. Dr. C. M. Wade was presented with a silk hat by the Preachers' Union at Mt. Canaan Baptist church last Monday night. Paul Jones left last week for his home in Little Rock. Mrs. Rosa Graston's little boy, Jesse Wheeler, died Monday evening and was buried Tuesday. Jeff. Hatchett left on the 1st inst., for St. Louis. Dr. G. W. Hubbard, dean of Meharry Medical College, Nashville, Tenn., was the guest of Dr. C. M. Wade on the 1st inst. He was very much pleased at the success of Dr. Wade, his former student. W. S. Gardner, president of the Hot Springs District C. E. Union, spent last Sunday with the Malvern Christian Endeavor society.

ST. PYTHIAN SANITORIUM NOTES.

Messrs. John Keller, of Birmingham, Ala.; —— Hunt, of St. Louis; Alex. Taylor, of Oceola, Ark.; John Armstrong, of Paducah, Ky., and Mrs Johnson, of Colorado, are registered at the Sanitorium this week for treatment.

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New Orleans, May 5.—Cotton nominal and lower to sell. Sales, 550 bales. Ordinary, 8⅜c; good ordinary, 8⅞c; low middling, 9¼c; middling, 9⅝c; good middling, 9 15-16c; middling fair, 10½c. Receipts, 4,956 bales; stock, 181,339 bales.

New York, May 5—Cotton—Spot closed quiet 1-16c lower; middling uplands, 9½c; middling gulf, 9¾c. Sales, 306 bales.

New Orleans, May 6.—Cotton quiet and unchanged. Sales, 300 bales. Ordinary, 8⅜c; good ordinary, 8⅞c; low middling, 9¼c; middling, 9⅝c; good middling, 9 15-16c; middling fair, 10½c. Receipts, 3,622 bales; stock, 177,626 bales.

New York, May 6.—Cotton—Spot closed quiet, ⅛c higher; middling uplands, 9⅝c; middling gulf, 9⅞c. Sales, 500 bales.

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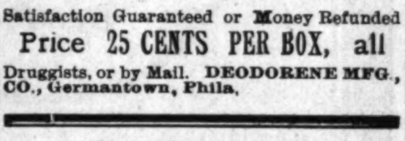

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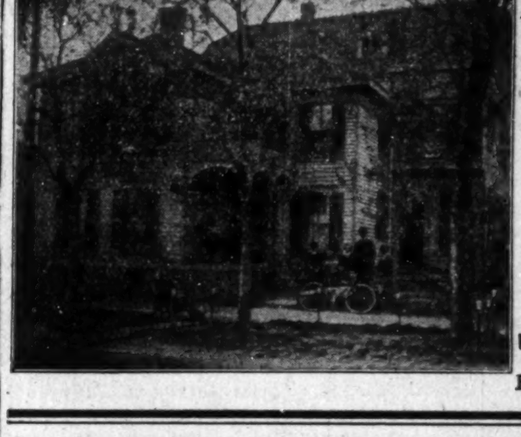

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